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IN SPORTS



A kick in the grass
One area soccer team
advances to sectionals

CLOSE RACES

Will Richard Keller's allegations of misdoings oust current Coroner Jim Wipper (left), or will the hand-picked successor to Barbara Richardson earn another term? A look at this and other county races starting on page 5.

Photo by Sandy Bressner

Lake County Coroner Jim Wipper answers a question from the audience as his opponent, Dr. Richard Keller, looks on during a candidates' forum at the College of Lake County in Grayslake.

Crane's last stand?

Congressman is put to his toughest test in 18th bid for re-election against Melissa Bean in Dist. 8

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

In what is being described as the hardest fought and wildest battle in the history of the U.S. Congressional Eighth District in Illinois, incumbent Phil Crane (R-Wauconda) is hoping to rally the Republican troops to the polls and once again defeat his challenger Democrat Melissa Bean from Barrington.

Crane won a similar battle in the 2002 election.

What has made this contest so unique is the amount of negative mailings being sent out to voters by both the Illinois Republican Party and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Placards with photos of Crane dressed in summer clothes with the words "Phil Crane sends greetings from Costa Rica" and



Crane



Bean

"Antigua" and "Rome" and "Scotland" are greeting voters in the Eighth District when they open their mail.

One of the cards even asks, "Isn't it time to send Phil the Junket King Crane home?"

Another poster has a photo of Melissa Bean and a picture of an umpire telling Bean "Yeeeee out!" The mailing also asks "If our district is good enough for her to want to represent us, then why isn't it good

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Crane's dominance on Election Day

Since taking office in 1969, U.S. Rep. Phil Crane (R-Wauconda) has defeated challengers rather easily in the general election. Here's a look at how Crane has fared in the past 10 years.

2002 General Election:	% vote
Phil Crane	57%
Melissa Bean	43%
2000 General Election:	
Phil Crane	61%
Lance Pressl	39%
1998 General Election:	
Phil Crane	69%
Mike Rothman	31%
1996 General Election:	
Phil Crane	62%
Elizabeth Hull	36%
1994 General Election:	
Phil Crane	65%
Robert Walberg	35%
1992 General Election:	
Phil Crane	56%
Sheila Smith	40%

Source: Almanac of American Politics

District 1 to vote on experience or change

By Julie Murphy

Staff Reporter

Voters will have to decide whether to vote for experience or whether to vote for change when casting their votes to fill the county board seat in District 1.

Spiro Georgeson, the democratic candidate running against Judy Martini (R-Antioch), said he hopes to bring his constituents and government closer together if he is elected.

"People need to feel that they can have access to their elected officials and be part of the governmental process," Georgeson said. "They need to know they have someone in office who can help them, and who won't shuffle them around."

Ask Martini, the incumbent who has been in office since 1994, why she is best suited to retain her position and her answer is short: experience.

"I believe what distinguishes myself over my opponent is my experience and knowledge of County issues. As far as I know my opponent has never attended a county board meeting or has given any type of input on any local or county issue, other than RV parks which he owned one at the time," she said.

Georgeson said he feels his opponent has done "a great job of staying out of trouble," but feels she's been otherwise ineffective. "I don't think she's been doing much at her job."

Martini disagrees. A lifelong resident of Illinois, 30 of those years within the district she represents, Martini said her "can-do" attitude coupled with her belief that "anything is possible if one tries hard enough" has made her successful.

"The single event that prompted

me to run for office is when there was a problem in our subdivision and the elected officials said there was nothing they could do to help us," she said. "I ran for office and fixed the problem for the subdivision."

Martini said she believes the three most important issues for District 1 are roads, growth and environmental concerns.

Of roads, she said, "We need to find some type of funding mechanism so we can improve our state roads since the state has little money to address them."

To environmental concerns, Martini said the purchase of natural resources (by the Forest Preserve District) is one of the best ways to protect them. She said, "We have to have a balance between development and preservation."

She said controlling growth is also key to balance.

"We need to work with our surrounding municipalities to make sure that growth is planned, controlled and has a positive impact on our communities, our economy and our schools," she said. "We are currently in the process of coming up with a model impact fee ordinance for the County to make sure that developers pay their share so that it does not burden the tax payers. The state needs to look at alternative ways of financing education."

While he said he didn't want to make any promises he couldn't keep, Georgeson said he would like to see a District 1 office located within the district to make it more accessible to those who live within the district. Additionally, he would like to see a newsletter mailed at least three times a year.

"There are people who can't take

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Richardson to be keynote speaker at ATHENA dinner

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter

Arguably one of Lake County's best examples of a woman in a leadership role, Barbara Richardson, former Lake County coroner, has been tapped as the keynote speaker at the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce Third Annual ATHENA Award dinner.

The dinner will be held this year at the Country Squire in Grayslake, on Friday, Nov. 5.

Eight women will be recognized for professional excellence and community service, and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional and leadership skills. Nominations were solicited from the community.

Tickets for the event are available through the LLV Chamber office, at 847-356-8446.

The nominees are (in alphabetical order) Joyce Hemeberry, Carol Larsen, Karen Mezich, Ann Nelson, Mary Reljic, Linda Rix, Mary Shahbazian and Suzanne Smith.

One of the eight will be named recipient of the ATHENA Award.

The ATHENA program, named for the Greek goddess, who exemplified courage and wisdom, originated in Lansing, Mich. in 1980.

At that time, Martha Mayhood Mertz,

owner of Mayhood/Mertz Realtors, Inc., was invited to serve on the board of directors of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. The only woman serving on the board, she discovered that, in 75 years, her chamber had only once honored a woman.

She felt the time had come to bring businesswomen into leadership positions within the chamber.

The first ATHENA award was presented in 1982. Since then, thousands of men and women have received the honor throughout the United States, Canada and Russia.

Locally, Raymond Chevrolet is the corporate sponsor of the award.

The first LLV Chamber ATHENA Award was presented in 2002 to Mary Riggs, vice president for Long Term Care for Victory Health Services.

The second award was presented last year to Joanne H. Osmond, president of the Lake Villa District 41 Board of Education, owner of The Vision Tree, and an active volunteer in many venues in the county.

Each of the 2004 nominees represents a unique aspect of leadership in the community, with lengthy credentials in business, education and community service.

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Stop what you're doing!!



Vista to host seminar on back pain

"Lower Back Pain Relief," a free community seminar, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center, 1050 Red Oak Lane (just east of the Lake Villa Library), Lindenhurst. Registration is requested. (Call 800-843-2464 to register.)

Independent pain specialist, Dr. Suneela Harsoor, will speak on the causes of pain and treatment and therapy options. There will also be a brief question and answer period following the program.

Wal-Mart opens

By Julie Murphy
Staff Reporter

They're here. Shoppers, that is.

Wal-Mart opened for business of Wednesday, Oct. 27, after a 7 a.m. ceremony that lasted over an hour.

"The crowd was very patient," said store manager Scott McCutchen. "It was a great opening and we were very busy until about midnight."

He said it would take a while to figure out what the peak hours are going to be for Antioch, but in his experience of nearly 24 years with the company, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. is typical peak hours.

McCutchen said, "This is a 24-hour store. For some people, those off hours just work out better. It can be really easy to get in and get out if you are able to shop some of those other hours."

For its first day and one-half, McCutchen

said shoppers on the grocery side and shoppers on the general merchandise side were about equal. He said cars in the parking lot had license plates from both Illinois and Wisconsin.

"I think we're getting a nice draw from all over," he said.

Notables at the Antioch Wal-Mart include a pharmacy that is open seven days a week, a tank of live lobsters and high-end electronics such as plasma and LCD wide-screen televisions.

McCutchen said, "We have everything here. You can come in and there's a vision center with a doctor. Then you can get your haircut and portrait taken at the portrait studio. We've already had lots of compliments about our deli department, and we have a full grocery store. We have some unique things here."

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PUMPKINHEAD



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Professional pumpkin carver Steve Dahlke chisels at the teeth of a goblin-in-progress. The 1,000-pound pumpkin was carved during Halloween Howl in downtown Antioch.

VOTE YES & YES ON NOVEMBER 2nd FOR LAKE VILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT 41!

There are two referenda that need a "YES" vote on the ballot:

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- ✓ The Administration and School Board have proven themselves fiscally responsible by stretching the 1995 Education Fund increase an extra THREE YEARS!
- ✓ Lake Villa District 41 expects 800 new students in the next three years from new developments approved by the villages in the district.
- ✓ The District 41 School Board has already approved the highest impact fees allowed on a new home.
- ✓ The District 41 School Board has no say in the approval of these new developments.

For more information visit Yes4District41.org

Scheurer, Osmond agree to disagree

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

Incumbent Republican State Rep. JoAnn Osmond conceded that her challenger, Democrat Bill Scheurer, is "a different kind of opponent."

Their race can accurately be described as amicable, with Scheurer paying compliments to Osmond at every turn, prompting Lake Villa Republican Convention Delegate Bill Burns to remark that it seemed Scheurer was endorsing his rival.

Osmond is running for the first time, to secure the 61st District seat she inherited from her late husband, Tim Osmond.

He was a popular representative of his district, which includes Antioch and parts of Lake Villa Township, Fox Lake, Wadsworth and Gurnee.

Scheurer, who lost, in the primaries, to win the democratic slot for Congress from Melissa Bean, stepped up to run against Osmond when it appeared she would be running unopposed.

Osmond, running on the record she created in the past two years, as she filled in for her late husband, is in agreement with Scheurer when it comes to overall questions of fiscal responsibility. She voted against the state budget.

While Scheurer saw her vote as motivated by partisan concerns, he said he would have voted the same way, as he opposes deficit spending.

"Notwithstanding my genuine respect for JoAnn Osmond, I do not accept her suggestion that this makes me more like a Republican," Scheurer said. "The national leadership of the Republican Party has completely abandoned any remaining pretext to fiscal and foreign policy conservatism. Moreover, it has pursued a deeply divisive and disingenuous approach to social issues in this country."

In education, there is a difference of opinion.

While both see the need for funding reform as critical, their approaches are different.

Scheurer's solution is a radical and broad-based plan that puts the responsibility for decisions on education and education spending in the hands of parents.

He also favors a progressive tax, such as an increased state income tax, to fund education, instead of the present property



Scheurer



Osmond

based funding.

Although Osmond agrees with removing the tax burden from homeowners, she is less certain of what should replace it. She does not favor any kind of increase in sales tax, because she sees it as a threat to economic development.

"HIB 750, which is listed as 'the education reform for Illinois,' has 50 new taxes, such as dry cleaners, nail techs and barbershops," she said. "This does not bring new business development in our community."

At the same time, she is reluctant to endorse the idea of added income tax.

Both candidates favor tort reform, particularly in the area of medical malpractice, but Scheurer made it clear that this is not the only problem in providing affordable health care to the uninsured and underinsured in Illinois.

"(Republicans) want to tell everyone that the problem is with trial lawyers and so-called frivolous medical malpractice suits," Scheurer said. "While I support malpractice and other tort reform, I also am willing to face the truth that our problems with runaway healthcare costs and the uninsured are far bigger than this issue."

Both oppose the use of abortion as back-up birth control.

"We can do a much better job in family planning efforts than this," Scheurer said. Osmond reiterated her opposition to abortion for anything other than rape, incest or to protect the life of the mother.

On the subject of same-sex marriage, Osmond is adamant in her assertion that marriage, or even a state-recognized civil union, "is between man and woman, only."

Scheurer admits his point of view here is probably at odds with many voters in the district.

"We can do whatever we wish in our churches, mosques and temples to uphold our own religious beliefs on the nature and sanctity of marriage," he said. "But, when it comes to our government, we need to recognize equal rights for every citizen."

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DISTRICT 1

a day off work or even a part day off of work to travel a great distance to get to the county offices," he said. "If I'm able, I would use the salary that comes from the position to open an office here. I would also like to see a newsletter specific to the district go out. You shouldn't have to rely on the newspapers for all of your information."

Georges said that if elected he plans to be there for his constituents 100 percent.

He said, "Bottom line: people need to know there is someone willing to listen to them."

Born in Chicago, married for 43

Grass Lake seeks 60 cents

By Julie Murphy

Staff Reporter

For Grass Lake School District 36, the story is the same that it has been for the past five years: the district says it desperately needs an educational fund tax increase if it is to survive. The only change from previous elections is that now the district must ask for a little more.

"The last time we were looking for a 56-cent increase, and now we're looking for 60 cents," said Superintendent James Beveridge. "The cost of educating students keeps increasing. If this doesn't get approved, we'll have no choice but to continue deficit spending."

Currently, at the maximum rate, educational taxes extendible are about \$1.5 million. This would increase to just over \$2 million if the referendum is approved.

Beveridge said he's not concerned about voter turnout for this election, as he knows people will be out

because of the presidential election.

Beveridge said he plans to retire at the end of the school year, and is especially hopeful that the referendum will be approved for that reason.

"That will be the only thing I will feel bad about, if this is not approved before I retire," he said. "I'd like to leave the district in a little better shape than it is in right now."

Beveridge said that five years ago, before there was such an imbalance between what the district was collecting and what it was spending, the district was ranked highest in the area for social studies and science.

He said, "We're still offering a good education, but I'd like to see the programs elevated back to where they once were."

Beveridge said the district is running out of resources to keep the school operational.

"I'll keep looking and doing what I can," he said. "We're running out of options, though."

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OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

November equals turkey month

Turkeys are certainly the inspiration for November's fund-raising efforts by local community groups.

The Northern Illinois Conservation Club (NICC) is hosting its annual turkey shoot on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. NICC officials said no turkeys would be sacrificed for the event. Some clay targets will be colored and if the shooter hits one, a prize will be given.

Rounds are \$10 with 25 shots per round.

Those interested are instructed to bring guns and ammunition.

To register, call NICC at 847-395-6422 and leave a message. The club is located on Route 83, south of Route 173.

Janet Smith, event chair of the WC Petty PTO's Turkey Trot auction, said it would be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Maravelia's on Route 59, Fox Lake. This is the sixth annual event, with last year's raising about \$12K to purchase items like new maps and globes for each classroom, new books and materials for the library and new equipment for science and technology departments.

Smith said the goal is to raise as much or more money this year. "We are hoping to raise enough to purchase monitors for each classroom," she said. "There are so many ways that they can enhance learning opportunities. It will be great if we can do this."

Some of the special items up for auction this year are as follows: a hot air balloon ride, an air boat ride, season tickets to PM&L Theatre, artwork, tools, Bulls tickets, a stay at the Eagle Ridge Inn in Galena and the coveted baskets. In the past, individual classes created the baskets. This year, each grade level will create a basket.

Smith said she is still collecting items for auction, and it's not too late for individuals or businesses to make donations.

Doors open and the silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar available. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information, call Smith at 847-395-8823.

It has nothing to do with turkeys or fund raising, but The Cutting Edge Styling Studio has moved from its location at North Avenue and Main Street to 335 North Avenue. There will be an open house on Friday, Nov. 5 from 3-7 p.m. to showcase the new digs.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com



Photo by John Dickson

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years and living in Antioch for the past 18 years, Georges said the Route 53 extension though doesn't favor a general sales tax increase to fund road improvements. He retired after 30 years of service to the Illinois Department of Transportation, and worked under five governors.

"I would favor a vehicle purchase tax or a motor fuel tax, and if that cannot be done because of state law then more lobbying needs to be done in Springfield," he said.

Georges said that if elected he plans to be there for his constituents 100 percent.

He said, "Bottom line: people need to know there is someone willing to listen to them."

As to growth within District 1, Georges said he'd rather see development that is in keeping with the area's history.

"I would like to see the area develop with a resort-type atmosphere," he said. "Businesses like Wal-Mart destroy the area's character. I would absolutely love to see the area become more like Lake Geneva (Wis.)."

Politically, Georges is the Democratic Committeeman of Precinct 7, is the former Antioch Township Democratic Chair and was administrative assistant to the late State Rep. Jacob John Wolff for 12 years.

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NEIGHBORS

Susan Nacs of Lindenhurst



I'm originally from:
Lincolnwood

My family/pets:
Husband, Joseph, daughter,
Bree/Horse, Make a wish
and dog, Raven

I graduated from:
Kansas City Art Institute

Occupation:
Medical transcriptionist

Community involvement:
Lindenhurst Pageant Committee,
50th Anniversary Committee

What I like best about my town:
The people

Hobbies:
Horseback riding, drawing,
writing, reading

Favorite movie:
"A Beautiful Mind"

Favorite musician:
Bob Marley

Favorite sports team:
I hate sports.

Favorite local restaurant:
RJ's Eatery

Favorite food:
My husband's chicken teriyaki

Person I admire most:
Walt Whitman

If I had a million dollars:
I would give a lot away and fix
up my house in Lindenhurst.

If I had a plane ticket
to anywhere:
I'd go to Tibet.

People who knew me
as a kid would say:
"I'm surprised she turned
out so normal."

My pet peeve is:
Improper grammar.

If I had one wish, it would be:
All the people I love should be
healthy and happy.

My dream job would be:
Working with teenagers and
making a difference in their lives.

My life's motto is:
"What goes around, comes around."

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LOCAL

Respected clergyman visits

John Stott, chaplain to Queen Elizabeth for over 32 years, will speak at the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m.

In addition to his service to Queen Elizabeth, Stott was the pastor of All Souls Church in London, and has reportedly been referred to by Billy Graham as being "the most respected evangelical clergyman of the world today."

Stott has authored more than 45 books including "Basic Christianity" and "The Cross of Christ and the Contemporary Christian," as well as his newest title "Why I Am a Christian." The latter is said to be a compelling, persuasive case for considering the Christian faith.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church will have closed circuit viewing in the gym to handle overflow. The church is located at 43 W. Grass Lake Road, Lake Villa.

For more information, call 847-838-0103.

Calling all singers

The Antioch Community Chorus, sponsored by Festival Arts of Antioch, is beginning rehearsals for its annual performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah."

All voice parts are needed, as well as all ages from high school to senior citizen. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Nov. 7 from 2-4 p.m. and will run every Sunday afternoon with the exception of Nov. 28 until the performance that is scheduled for Dec. 19.

Rehearsals are held at the Antioch United Methodist Church, with parking at the back of the church. Kris Bolin, of Antioch, is the director.

For more information, call either 847-395-1333 or 847-395-3195.

PM&L holds auditions

PM&L Theatre is holding auditions for the tragedy "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, adapted for stage by director Fran Jansta, of Antioch.

Auditions will be held both on Sunday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the theater located at 877 Main St.

Jansta will be casting five to 10 women and 15-20 men of various ages. The time frame will be Shakespearian England with no modernization.

Readings will be done directly from script, which will be provided. Though it's not required, reading "Macbeth" prior to the audition is recommended.

The performance will be on weekends Feb. 4-20, 2005.

For more information, call 847-838-1032.

Bingo held at VFW Hall

The Antioch VFW sponsors bingo every Tuesday night at the VFW Hall on North Ave. doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m.

The public is welcome. Pull tabs are available, and there is a new lightening game. For more information call 847-395-5393.

Knights of Columbus meet

Knights of Columbus (Father Henderson Council 3800) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall, located in the basement of St. Peter Church.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Family Fraternal service organization that volunteers time and money to charitable and benevolent causes. Practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 years old are eligible to join.

For more information, call St. Peter Church Rectory at 847-395-0274.

Coin Club meets
third Monday

The Antioch Coin Club meets on the third Monday of each month at the Antioch Public Library. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and new members are always welcome. For more information, call 847-395-4738.

The Antioch Public Library District neither sponsors nor endorses this meeting or the presenting individual or organization, and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CPR classes held

The Antioch Rescue Squad and the Antioch Fire Department offer CPR classes to the public at the Antioch Fire Department located at 835 Holbeck Drive.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Antioch Fire Dept. at 847-395-5511.

LOCAL NEWS

CALENDAR

Monday, November 1

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7 p.m., Sub-committee meetings of the Antioch Village Board held first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole follow at 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Antioch Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 for info.

1 p.m., Prairie Pioneers #1081, an organization for the study of antiques and the preservation of heritage, meets first Mondays at a private home. Call 847-223-4001 to learn more.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Camera Club meets first Mondays at Gurnee Senior Citizen Center, SW corner of Washington St. and Almond Rd. in Gurnee, call 847-856-1583.

7 p.m., ACOA/Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meets Mondays at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church (basement, rear entrance), 125 W. Church St., Libertyville. For more details, call 847-362-2110 or visit www.acoa-libertyville.org.

Tuesday, November 2

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Public is welcome to join. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail mirigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers hosts a dance & exercise class at Antioch Senior Center (downstairs), 817 Holbeck Dr (behind fire station). Call Karen at 847-395-6244 to learn more.

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays, Antioch VFW, doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more info.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held Tuesdays at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181

7-9 p.m., StepMoms Offering Support to StepMoms meets Tuesdays in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at 847-543-4768 for details.

7:30-9 p.m., The Human Condition Group of Marijuana Anonymous meets Tuesdays and Fridays at CLC in Grayslake. Call Joe at 262-862-6244 for more details.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Coin Club meets first Tuesdays at Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. For info., call Les at 847-662-1955.

Wednesday, November 3

6:30 p.m., TOPS/Lake Off Pounds Sensibly weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Wednesdays. Call 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143 for info.

7:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups for women who are victims of physical, emotional or psychological abuse. Meetings held Wednesdays in Round Lake area. Call 847-249-4450 to learn more. www.mother-sandmore.org to learn more.

Thursday, November 4

11 a.m., LV Twp. AARP Chapter #3978 board meets first Thursdays at Twp. Offices Community Room.

7:15 a.m., Business Network International meets Thursdays at Hillside Restaurant, Grayslake. BNI, a coalition of businesses, has one person per occupation. Members share referrals. Call Craig Henderson for details 847-840-6464.

7:45 a.m., Lake County Networkers group meets first and third Thursdays at Grandma V's Restaurant (Hwy 45 & 176) in Mundelein. Call Jeanne Silver 847-367-1500 or Mike Steinberger 847-367-5475.

7 p.m., The Lakes Area Artisans chapter of the Stencil Artisans League meets in Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills area. Call Carol 847-223-5155.

7 p.m., American Sewing Guild group, "Running in Stitches," meets first Thursdays. Please call Janet at 265-7932 or Chris at 847-548-8223

8:30 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets Thursdays. For location, call Boyce Buckner at 847-838-0058.

Lake Co. Council for Seniors meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Ted Byers of the United Way of Lake County will present "Trans-portion Issues in Lake County." Call 847-244-1720 for info.

Friday, November 5

7 p.m., "A Way Out," an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gays, lesbians and straights meets in Libertyville. Call (email) Linda West 847 735-1230 (Lwest1@yahoo.com) for details.

Saturday, November 6

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets weekly at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458.

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Coroner candidates spar over experience

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

Allegations and defenses over the incumbent's provision of cremations may have dominated the race's past discourse, but the candidates for county coroner have also traded blows over their on-the-job endeavors.

Coroner Jim Wipper (R) believes that his opponent's lack of experience in the office makes him unfit to hold the position, while Dr. Richard Keller (D) lambastes Wipper for not providing necessary services, and what he calls a lack of professionalism.

The challenger said his opponent has acted unethically by performing cremations while in office, and said that "we need a professional in the office" to restore ethical behavior.

He accused Wipper of "personally profiting from the deaths of indigent people," and using county-owned vehicles to assist in his private work. "He's freely admitted that he's been doing this for the last 20 years," Keller said.

Wipper said that he welcomes any investigation into the cremations, and reiterated his claim that

he receives little reward, and sometimes loses money, for performing what he believes to be a public service.

Regarding Keller's allegations of impropriety, Wipper said the allegations represent political jockeying in an election year. "I think the people are smart enough to see the truth behind that," Wipper said.

Basing his campaign on his plans to gain to "forestall death" for area residents, Keller said he would collaborate with existing organizations to stop residents from needlessly putting their health at risk. He would work to institute several youth programs, including those that would work to deter young residents from suicide, violence and drug and alcohol abuse.

Keller believes he possesses enough legal experience and medical knowledge to overcome his lack of direct experience in handling the coroner's duties. The founder of CEO Health Reach Clinic, the county's only free medical clinic, said he utilizes his managerial skills and physician's experience to serve the county.

"The matters the coroner's office



KELLER WIPPER

is dealing with are definitely getting more complex," he said.

"I think we need more professional service to deal with the complexities, and make sure the service is the best it can be for both the living and the dead clients of the office."

With several years of physician's experience, Keller said he possesses the knowledge to handle tasks such as DNA and child-death investigations. He wants to empanel a Child Investigation Team, which he said is required by state statute, to thoroughly investigate every case and promote preventive measures that would protect other children.

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Predictions say Obama will win big

By Jeff Zachary
Staff Reporter

Although all the polls show State Sen. Barack Obama (D-Chicago) a shoe-in for election to the U.S. Senate, supporters of Republican Alan Keyes, say they have the momentum, and Keyes will pull off an upset on election day.

In a daily e-mail newsletter sent to Keyes supporters, Campaign Manager Bill Pascoe wrote that Keyes thoroughly dominated all three of the debates between the candidates.

"Once again, Alan demonstrated that he is clearly in tune with the voters of Illinois, while Barack Obama is outside the mainstream on issue after issue - whether it was winning the war on terror, how best to advance educational reforms to improve the schooling of our children, seeking and achieving energy independence, defending traditional marriage, or working to get better trade deals for

our workers and farmers - Alan showed his stuff, and the voters of Illinois are the better off for it. The voters of Illinois will have a clear choice. We're confident they'll choose the candidate who best represents their interests, their values, and their beliefs - Alan Keyes."

In an e-mail statement to Lakeland Media, Obama wrote: "I am confident that if I continue to talk to voters about the issues that are important to them, like creating good paying jobs here in Illinois, improving access to quality health care, and improving our children's education, that I will win this election. Illinoisans want politicians who spend their time attacking problems, not each other, and I think that voters appreciate the fact that I have run a positive campaign focused on the issues that affect their day-to-day lives.

Pete Couvall, Vice-Chairman of the Lake County Democrats said



OBAMA KEYES

Obama will win by a landslide.

"I think Obama will get 75 percent of the vote. I know it's going to be a slaughter," Couvall said.

He also gave a few more comments concerning some other big races in Lake County.

"I predict Melissa Bean is going to defeat Phil Crane and Sharyn Elman is going to defeat Bob Churchill," Couvall said. "It's a good year to be a Democrat."

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Domestic, foreign concerns mark 10th District race

By Kyle Schmitt and
Nicholas Alajakis
Staff Reporters

The differences between 10th District U.S. Representative candidates Mark Kirk and Lee Goodman could not be clearer.

Democratic challenger Lee Goodman supports providing Medicare to all U.S. citizens and has condemned the Bush administration's actions in taking the nation to war and occupying Iraq. Kirk, the Republican incumbent has called Goodman's plans "unpractical," especially his plan to immediately pull troops from Iraq.

Goodman accused Kirk of turning "a deaf ear" to local needs and of toeing the Republican Party line instead of working to support his constituents.

"He's telling the people in the district what the people in D.C. want to do," Goodman said. "He should be telling the people in D.C. what the people in the district want to be done."

Kirk claims Goodman does not know the district well, nor does he know what it takes to be a Congressman, saying he is "inexperienced and unprofessional."

If elected, Goodman, the professional mediator will work to open Medicare services to all citizens, and provide healthcare with prescription drugs for all citizens.

"It's clear that the current administration has no intention of doing something different about healthcare, and it's clear that I will do something about healthcare," Goodman said, claiming that his plan would prove more efficient than private insurance and increase the preventive care afforded residents.

Kirk also has plans to lower healthcare costs. He'd like to pass a referendum to stop exits of doctors in Illinois. Because of the large amounts of malpractice suits in the

state, many qualified doctors are leaving, Kirk said. In turn, it costs Illinois residents nearly five times more for health care than it does for residents in Wisconsin. Kirk said he'd like to put a cap on malpractice suits, to prevent future, \$30 million law suits.

Job training efforts would gain more federal support, and Goodman would vote to withhold government support for companies that send jobs overseas, Goodman said.

Kirk said he'd like to bring more economic prosperity to the district area with two main goals. The first would be to clean up the waste from Lake Michigan, which would allow for more real estate in cities like Waukegan.

"It would quickly eclipse what's happening in Glenview," Kirk said.

Kirk said he'd also like to work toward an O'Hare expansion.

Kirk said he feels his goals are achievable. "I've done it for years," Kirk said. "I know how to do it."

Since being elected in 2000, Kirk said he is proud of two local accomplishments. When the VA hospital North Chicago was threatening to close because of funding issues, Kirk said he took on the issue personally, because he wanted to offer healthcare to veterans, being a Naval Reserve officer himself. He was also behind securing the funds for the expansion of Metra's North Central commuter rail line, which cuts through central Lake County.

A founder of the Northbrook Peace Committee and the first man elected to the board of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, Goodman is a proponent of legal abortion. He also supports federal funding to develop an electric car, as well as stem-cell research and amendments to the Patriot Act.

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Waller, Jacobs have experience for post

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

It's a race between two men with extensive experience in different state's attorney offices.

Michael Waller, the Republican incumbent, has served as Lake County State's Attorney since 1990. He spent the better part of 17 years before that working for the state's attorney. Michael Jacobs, his challenger has worked for the Cook County State's Attorney's office since 1986.

The difference in counties is one reason Waller has said he'd make a better candidate than Jacobs.

"(Jacobs) has no experience in the Lake County courts or judicial system," Waller said. Experience in the office is a very important issue, Waller said.

Jacobs, a Gurnee resident, said

he does not see that as much of an issue. Working for the largest state's attorney office in the state, Jacobs said he has plenty of experience. He added that bringing in someone new might breed healthy change.

The "long-standing Republican rule" is not good for residents, Jacobs said.

Jacobs has countered Waller's claims of lack of experience, by criticizing Waller and the state's attorney office for bringing in outside counsel to try specialty cases.

The outside counsel has cost taxpayers a lot of needless money, Jacobs said. If he were in charge Jacobs said he'd have attorneys on staff that can handle special cases.

"These simple cases do not require expensive outside counsel," Jacobs claims.

Waller countered those claims saying that Lake County does is no different from any other office.

"He's making issues out of non-issues," Waller said.

Keeping full-time attorneys on staff that specializes in rare cases would be too pricey, Waller said. A few years ago, for example, Waller said the Lake County Health Department was facing a mal-practice suit. Because those are rare, Waller said an outside law firm was called in for assistance.

"It's something we've been doing for years," Waller said. "He's the only person in 14 years that's had a problem with it. It's done in every state's attorney's office."

Waller said there are special programs he'd like to implement if elected.

Currently Waller is in the process of establishing both a Drug

Court and a Mental Health Court. He also hopes to establish an integrated computer information network with other agencies.

JACOBS

the wrist for continued violation of the Open Meeting Act," Jacobs said. If elected, I pledge to adhere to a multifaceted plan that will result in the continued practice of vigorously, but fairly, enforcing our laws and achieve fiscal responsibility for the citizens."

WALLER

"I have devoted my professional career to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office," Waller said. "I am running for reelection based upon my record, my accomplishments, and my experience."

Jacobs said he'd like to bring change and put an end to what he calls corruption, if he's elected.

"First and foremost, I will put an end to the practice of placing politics above the law," Jacobs said.

"You can't have a minor slap on

the wrist for continued violation of the Open Meeting Act," Jacobs said. If elected, I pledge to adhere to a multifaceted plan that will result in the continued practice of vigorously, but fairly, enforcing our laws and achieve fiscal responsibility for the citizens."

The state's attorney is responsible for prosecuting violations of the criminal laws of the State of Illinois, as well as many other regulatory laws of the state and county including traffic regulations. The state's attorney is also the lawyer for Lake County providing legal advice, defense of court actions, and filing and presentation of cases brought by, or against, Lake County.

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Former mayor's daughters face off in recorder of deeds race

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

They are both daughters of former Waukegan mayors and they both want the same job, but only one will prevail in the race for Lake County Recorder of Deeds.

Eight-year-long Incumbent Mary Ellen Vanderventer (D-Waukegan) is facing a tough challenge from Republican Dana Sabonjian of Gurnee, but she plans to celebrate a victory at Russ's Tavern in Waukegan after the election results come in.

"Let me just say that I am honored by all of the support I have received," Vanderventer said. "I am proud to be running on my record of accomplishments. I am looking

forward to election night and to continuing to serve the taxpayers of Lake County."

After losing a close election for Waukegan Clerk in 1993, Sabonjian earned her real estate license and has been working with Century 21 United for nine years as a real estate agent.

Sabonjian said if she is elected she would improve security at the Recorder of Deeds Office, and make the office more accessible to the general public and vastly improve the speed with which it takes to record a deed.

"Ten to 12 weeks is just too long," Sabonjian said. "I was raised



VANDERVENTER

in an atmosphere of honest public service. Taxpayers deserve an honest person who is hardworking and who will be on the job daily," she added.

Whoever wins the recorder of deeds election will supervise a staff of 35 people and control an annual budget of \$3 million.

Vanderventer is the first and only woman to serve as the recorder of deeds in Lake County. She is also the only Democrat to



SABONJIAN

hold a county-wide office in Lake County.

Sabonjian is a life-long Republican who said she believes in less governmental interference and she believes in having lower taxes for all the citizens of Lake County.

"I'm working hard and going door to door," Sabonjian said. "I am meeting 500 to 700 people a day and I'm confident the people will know I'll be a public servant and not waste the taxpayers money."

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Sports the topic at next Power Breakfast

The Lake County Power Breakfast gives its audience a chance to talk about their favorite teams with three of Chicagoland's most respected sports journalists when it welcomes David Kaplan, Tom Waddle and Phil Rogers to the monthly business forum.

Jason Grothe of WKRS/WXLC will moderate the program starting at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 3, at Midlane Golf Resort in Wadsworth.

For reservations, contact Midlane Golf Resort at 847-360-0550.

Preview ballots online

Lake County Clerk Willard Helander announced that voters may now visit the Clerk's web page to preview an example of their Election Day ballot.

Specimen ballots are available by logging on to www.co.lake.il.us/cntyclk and clicking on the "What's on My Ballot?" in the Quick Links box.

The user is prompted to key in their address of registration to view their specific ballot.

It is important to type in the

legal address.

Referring to one's address on their voter card is the simplest way to do that."

The Web site also features a brief video on voting the optical scan ballot and an example of the red, white and blue voter card, which lists the units of government serving a voter.

Absentee ballot qualifications are available on-line and the request form for an Application for Absentee Ballot.

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CORONER

Speaking of his lack of coroner office's experience, Keller said that he also ventured into new territory when he established the first HIV Primary Care Clinic at the county health department in 1993.

"HIV didn't exist when I was in med school, so I had to teach myself all about that, and I learned pretty easily," Keller said. "I have no doubt that I'll be able to pick up the knowledge needed for the coroner's role."

First serving the county in January 1984, Wipper served as Lake County's chief deputy coroner for 16 years, though he found himself on the "outside looking in" regarding political manners.

Having taken office following Barbara Richardson's retirement in May 2003, Wipper has given tours and outside presentations to promote safety and give the public a better understanding of his work. "There were a lot of programs that

Barbara had started and put in place, and we're just trying to take these programs and expand on that."

The coroner's office has utilized various new resources during Wipper's term, several of which he himself instituted for use. His staff possesses the means to perform on-scene drug testing, and can also now test for presumptive blood and gunshot residue to determine whether a person fired a weapon.

If elected, Wipper promises to continue building his staff's skills and capability, utilizing evidence training and preparing for mass disaster occurrences.

"We probably have more resources than any other coroner's office in the state," Wipper said, adding that providing the necessary service and guidance to families remained his top goal in office.

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Coffelt versus Nelson again for clerk

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

Mary "Margo" Nelson is hoping the second time is a charm in her bid for Clerk of the Lake County Circuit Court.

It won't be easy, however, her opponent, Republican Sally Coffelt, was elected the same day Ronald Reagan was first elected U.S. president. And she's been in her position ever since.

Nelson says she's more confident this year than she was in 2000.

"I think I'd make a good administrator," Nelson said.

Running with little name recognition four years ago, she was defeated by more than 15 percent of the vote. She's come back with more ideas for change, and some dirt of her opponent, which she thinks, may help.

A few weeks ago Nelson accused Coffelt of practicing nepotism, and employing seven family members, with combined salaries of about \$400,000.

"I will stop the nepotism in the office," Nelson said. "I will treat everyone fairly. I will be a working administrator leading by example."

Coffelt has responded to Nelson's accusation by defending her staff.

She credits her staff for a lot of

her office's success over the past two decades.

"We have a courteous, qualified, and knowledgeable staff who assist the public on a daily basis and have earned a well-deserved reputation for excellence," Coffelt said. "Through my leadership, we have maintained our high level of customer service while always living within our budget."

Coffelt has used her experience as an advantage while campaigning, claiming her 24 years of experience are a positive thing for the office.

"I am seeking re-election to continue the honest and effective leadership which has been a hallmark of my tenure and which will be necessary to meet the challenges of the future," Coffelt said.

"I want to continue serving the citizens of Lake County because there is no substitute for experience and I have the experience necessary to continue to meet the challenges ahead."

Coffelt and Nelson both gave similar goals if elected. Both said they would like to increase the tech-

nology in the office.

Currently, along with the State's Attorney, Sheriff's Office and public defender, Coffelt said she hopes to implement the "Integrated Justice Program," which would streamline operations between all departments.

Nelson claims that Coffelt had similar promises in 2000 to increase technology, but has not followed through.

"With the assistance of technology, we maintain the ever increasing number of court records in a timely manner even as the processes grow more and more complex," Coffelt said.

While she is more confident than she was four years ago, Nelson said another loss would not devastate her.

"I'll still have a job," said Nelson, who works as the senior research analyst for the Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development. She was previously as trustee in Winthrop Harbor, where she lives.

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ENDORSEMENT RECAP

County offices

Circuit Court Clerk

Democrat challenger Mary "Margo" Nelson, who has run unsuccessfully for county office before, has raised questions about Sally D. Coffelt's hiring practices. But Nelson hasn't offered compelling reasons why she should replace Coffelt, now the longest serving county official, who runs the administrative position with efficiency, honesty and a "public first" service policy. Coffelt endorsed without reservation.

Coroner

James "Jim" Wipper has discovered that there's a big difference between working in the coroner's office, where he compiled a record of 13 years good and true service, and being coroner, where his handling of burial arrangements for indigents has become an election issue brought by his Democratic opponent, Dr. Richard L. Keller. We don't think it was a mistake to appoint Wipper as successor to the redoubtable Barbara Richardson when she retired and we endorse him for election in his own right. For election to a four-year term, he offers his reputation of respect in the law enforcement community, professional credentials and many years of experience.

Recorder

Incumbent Recorder Mary Ellen Vanderventer is one of the best examples we know of rewarding good work in elective office with re-election. Vanderventer, the lone Democrat holding county-wide office, is endorsed over Dana Sabonjian, a real estate professional with politics in her blood. With computerization and new methods, Vanderventer has made sure the office has kept up with the demands imposed by rapid growth without adding undue costs to taxpayers.

State's Attorney

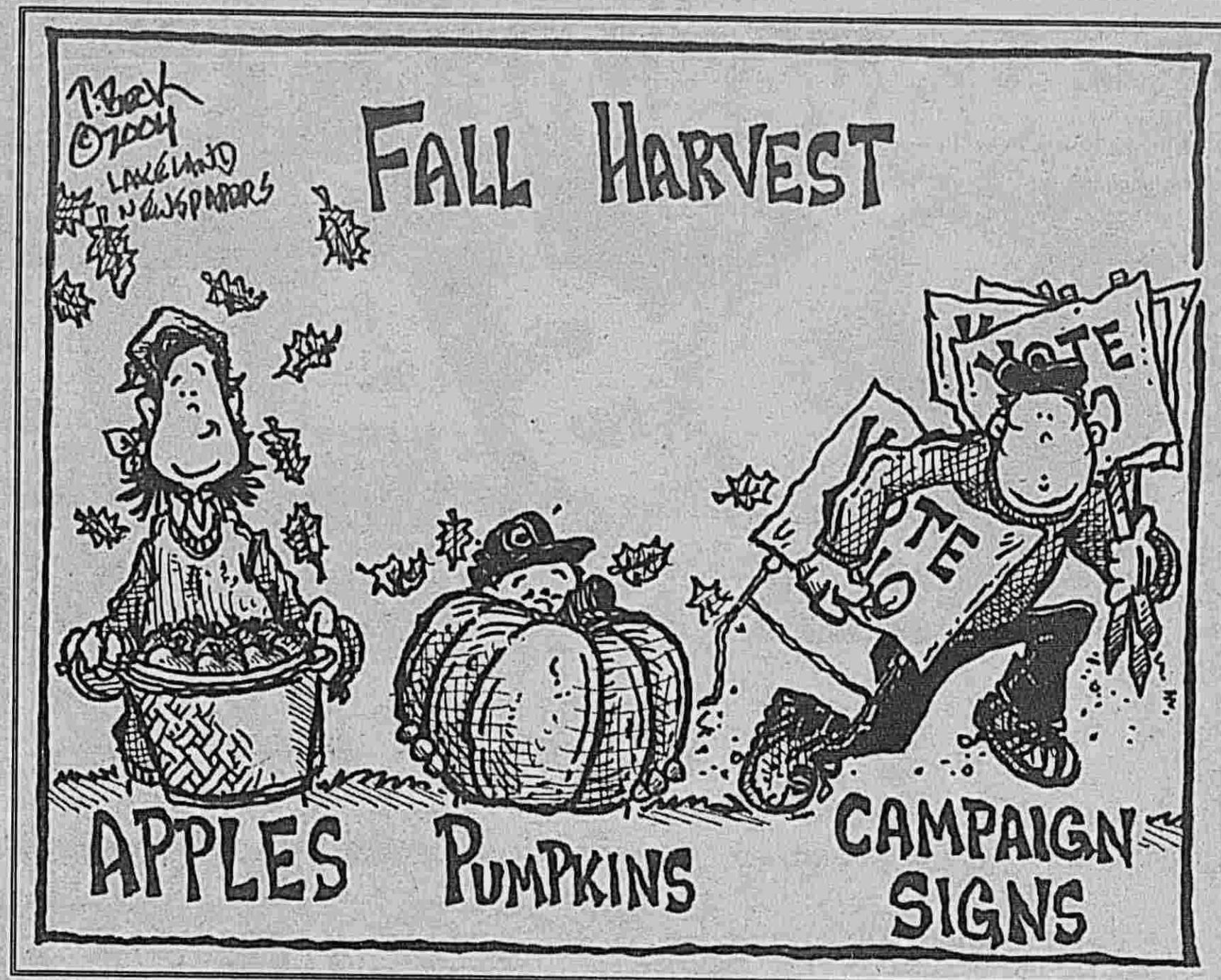
Michael J. Waller has done such an excellent job of being the "people's attorney" in his many years of service that he has defused a once highly political position and turned the office into a beacon of efficiency, honesty and fairness. A more than capable administrator, Waller has compiled an excellent record in law enforcement. With a bow to public service as a high calling, we endorse career prosecutor Waller for another four-year term.

Judicial Election

Although they are running without opposition, we support with enthusiasm the election of the Republican candidates to fill two openings due to retirements in the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake and McHenry counties. As a sitting judge, Victoria A. Rossetti already has demonstrated her ability for fairness and hard work. With his experience as Lake County state's attorney and U.S. district attorney northern Illinois, Fred Foreman gives great promise of being an excellent addition to the local bench.

Judicial Retention

Under Illinois law, sitting circuit judges periodically must be put before the voting public to answer the question of retention. Raymond J. McKoski, Henry C. Tonigan and Margaret J. Mullen are residents of Lake County currently serving in the 19th circuit. Their retention is recommended.



Lake County Board

District 1 (Antioch)—As an incumbent, Judy Martini puts her experience and know how to good use, both for the voters she represents and as a leader confronted by the myriad problems county government faces. Martini richly deserves to be retained and is an easy choice over Democrat Spiro I. Georgeson.

District 5 (Ingleside-Fox Lake, Wauconda)—Bonnie Thomson Carter's successful presidency of the Lake County Forest Preserve District portends a bright future and possibly new challenges in public service. Carter has our enthusiastic endorsement over Ryan Finley.

District 6 (Round Lake area, Grayslake, Third Lake)—Lawrence "Larry" Leafblad's strong voice has been missed on the County Board and we heartily endorse him over Democratic challenger Steven Skinner. Skinner has proved to be an engaging campaigner and has advanced interesting viewpoints on public issues, but he is no match for Leafblad's experience and determination.

District 10 (Fremont Township, Mundelein)—Diana O'Kelly quickly established herself as a reliable foe of runaway growth and damage to the environment when first elected. The Democratic nominee is Roberta Rekus, who has conducted an ineffective campaign.

District 11 (Grayslake)—Incumbent Sandy Cole's experience in business management and finance has been a key ingredient in establishing respect in county government. She has performed yeoman service in the cause for restraint in spending and keeping growth at a sensible level. Cole is endorsed over George S. Kinser.

District 14 (North Chicago)—There's a reason Democrat incumbent Audrey Nixon is running unopposed. No one is interested in challenging her demonstrated devotion and hard work.

District 16 (Round Lake)—Incumbent Robert E. "Bob" Powers, a Republican, is endorsed over Terry Wilke, the Democratic challenger. As a freshman, Powers chose to avoid the limelight and being a rubber stamp board member while making sensible spending choices during budget deliberations.

State Senate, House

State Senate, 26th District—Voters know and trust William Peterson, who is in his third decade of public service. He is respected both at home and in Springfield where he is a key member of the Republican minority leadership. He richly deserves to be re-elected and he is endorsed enthusiastically.

State Senate, 29th District—First as a state representative and now as a senator, Susan Garrett represents well a leaning Democratic district with her socially liberal views and a well-honed stance as an independent. Garrett regularly breaks with party leadership out of conviction rather than as a political ploy. Garrett endorsed because she is a good "fit" for the district.

State Representative, 51st District—As an incumbent and elected assessor of Fremont Township, Ed Sullivan Jr. is way out in front of his Democratic challenger, Nancy Shepherdson, who has run before, holding to liberal textbook solutions to public problems in a district tending to moderation. We endorse Sullivan with the belief that he will continue to grow in stature in state government.

State Representative, 52nd District—With his background in banking and finance, incumbent Mark H. Beaubien Jr. has come into his own as a House leader both in his party and addressing complicated budget matters facing Illinois. He is recommended in this bi-county district over Larry Feigen.

State Representative, 59th District—Incumbent Kathleen A. Ryg, a Democrat, votes the party line on partisan issues. She is admired for her hard work and attention to "every day" problems affecting residents of the south-central Lake County district like her initiative to coordinate after school activities. Ryg has come a long way in her first term in Springfield and is preferred over challenger Paul Tully.

State Representative, 60th District—This basically Waukegan district is heavily Democratic and incumbent Eddie Washington has been making the most of being a well known party functionary. Businesswoman Suzan Tenzi has a lot to offer in a district struggling to rebuild the local economy. The affable Washington pays attention to local needs and stays close to Waukegan leaders fighting to rebuild the city. Tenzi's ideas for economic development make sense, but her biggest problem is being a Republican in unfriendly territory. No recommendation.

State Representative, 61st District—Incumbent JoAnn D. Osmond of Antioch got off to an excellent start representing a stalwart Republican area and has earned our strong endorsement for re-election over Democrat challenger Bill Scheurer of Lindenhurst, who has a yen for elective office. Osmond is indefatigable with no constituent need too small for her attention. She also gets the big picture, especially in education funding. Drawing on her vast experience as a legislative aide, Osmond has a special talent for pin-pointing anti-taxpayer provisions in complicated legislation. Scheurer is far too liberal. His off-beat views about public policy don't mesh with the 61st mainstream.

State Representative, 62nd District—Stressing mostly women's issues, Democrat Sharyn I. Elman has mounted a surprisingly strong campaign in her first bid for public office. She is making incumbent Robert W. Churchill fight hard to retain his seat. Although we don't always agree with Churchill, he understands state government, workable taxation policy and the legislative needs of his central Lake County district. With youthful vitality, Elman, a former cable news anchor, is to be admired, but the sometimes brusk Churchill gets the nod for his legislating experience and willingness to stand up to Cook County domination in Illinois politics that puts Chicago first at the expense of the rest of the state.

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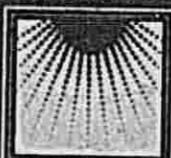
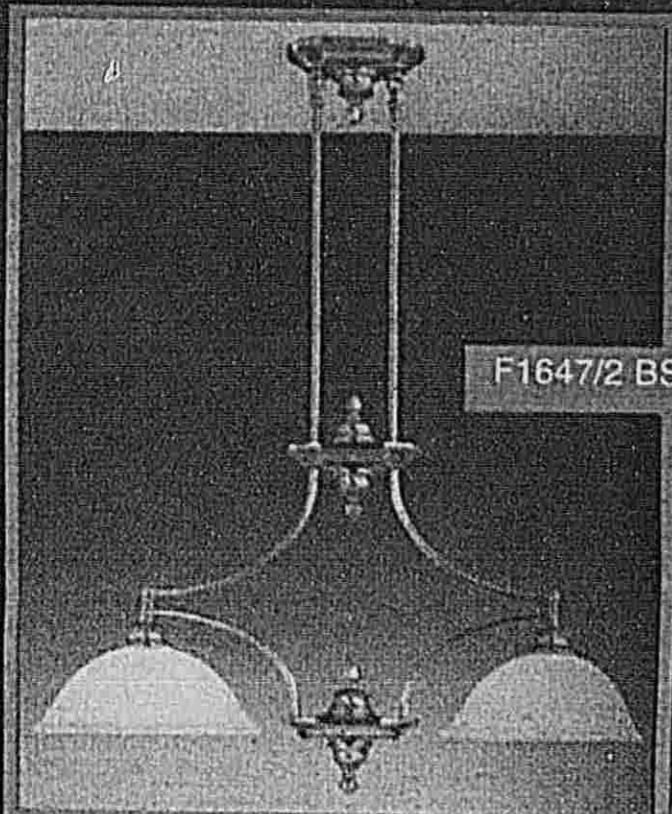
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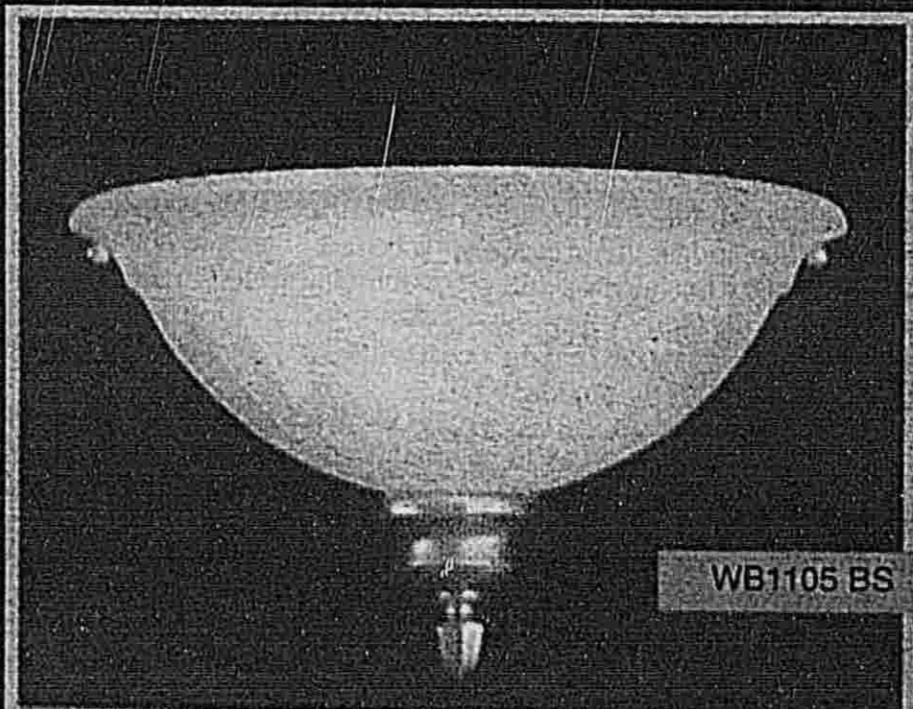
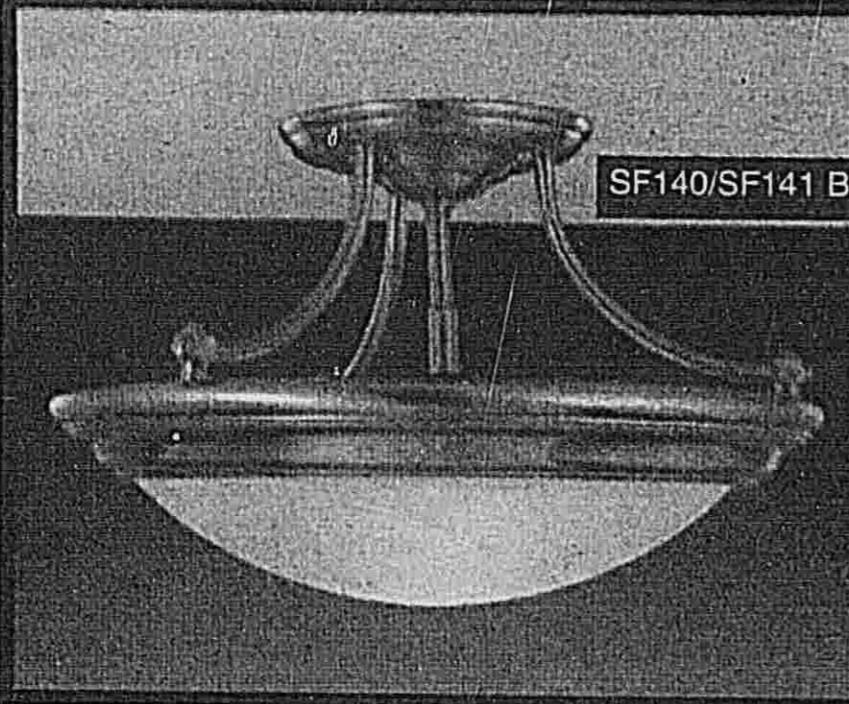
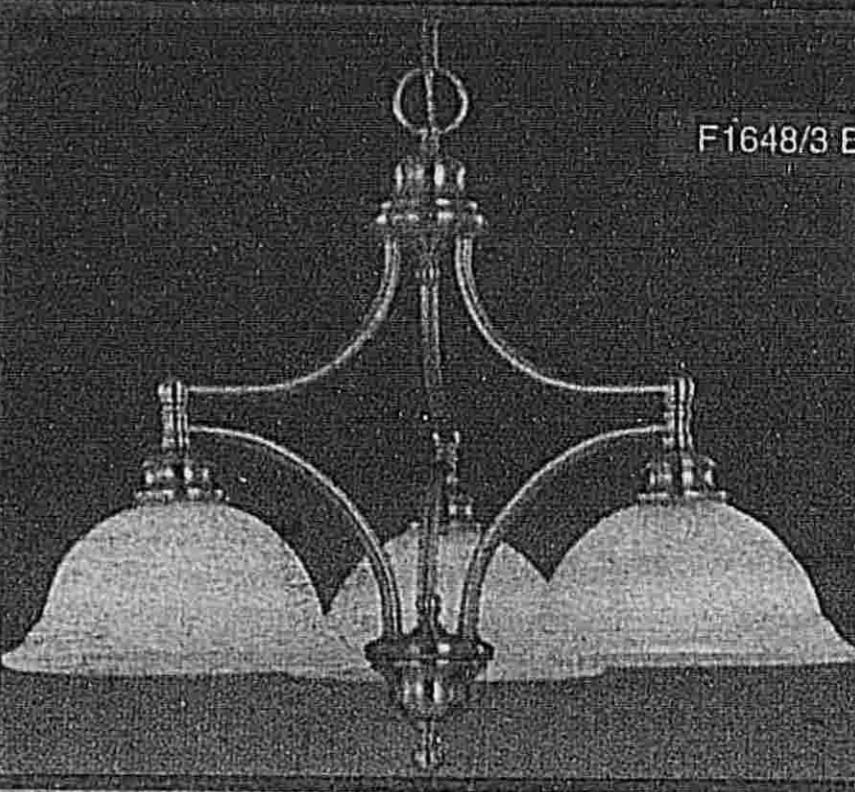
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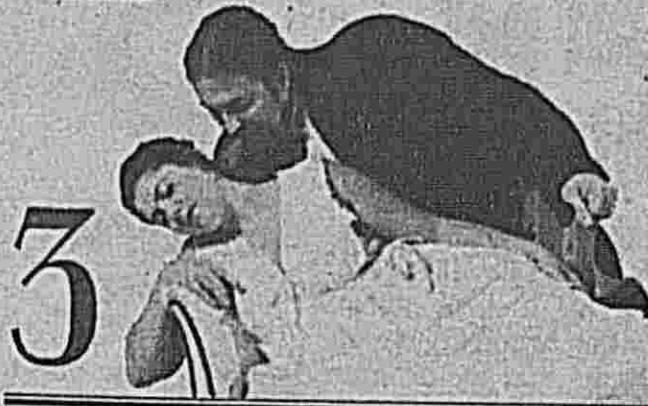
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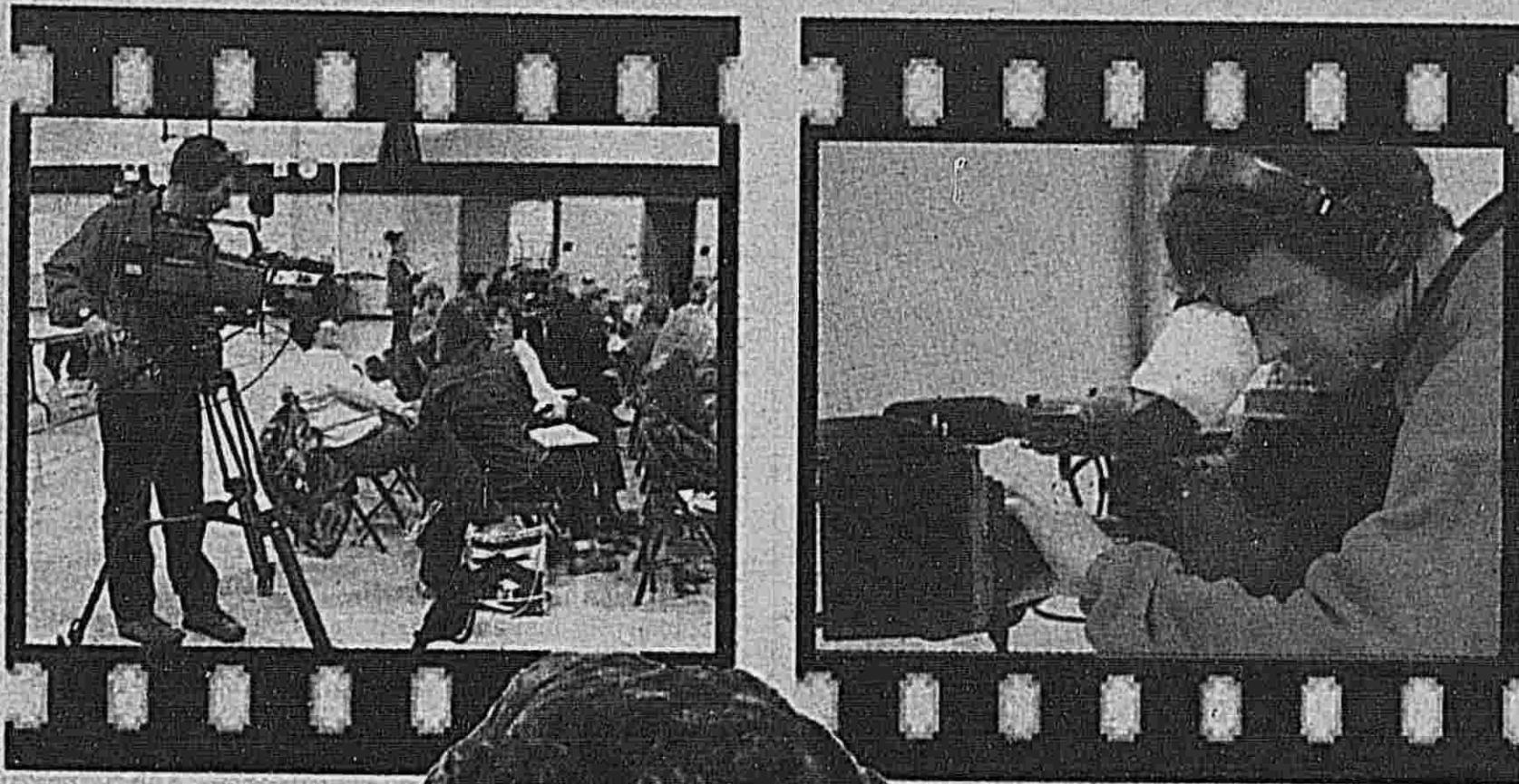
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MOVIE REVIEW

David Gordon Green
The quintessential young filmmaker



Photos by Sandy Bressner

By Laura Jastram
Staff Reporter

When Community Consolidated District 46's last referendum didn't pass, Bob Maraist felt there must be strong reasons why. The Grayslake resident with a 7-year-old already in the district and a

4-year-old soon to be in the district, Maraist voted in favor of the last referendum on the ballot in April.

Maraist said he didn't understand why the referendum was not passed, but thought there must be some very strong opinions on the subject.

He decided to take on the task of getting to the bottom of the topic himself and make an informational documentary to show the community both sides of the argument surrounding the referendum.

District 46 has come across some tough financial times and has shortened the school day and cut extra-curricular programs in the elementary district.

On the

November 2004 ballot, District 46 is asking for a bond issue authorization to equip school buildings, acquire additional school sites and issue bonds. It is also asking for a tax rate increase for educational purposes. The percent increase the district is requesting is a .652

percent increase in the annual tax rate from the current 2.61 percent.

Maraist had hoped to begin filming after the last referendum failed, but was committed to another project.

He has worked on such projects as American Standoff for HBO, which went to the Sundance Film Festival, Miracle Cures about new technologies in medicine, American High, Freshman Diaries and American Candidate.

He has been a filmmaker for almost 20 years.

The focus of his documentary is to present the people with as many different sides to the referendum issue.

Currently Maraist is funding all the project out of his pocket and working in a short period of time to complete the filming and editing in time to show the documentary before the November election.

"There's constant consideration that I'm doing the subject justice in a small time," he said. "I still need a lot of input."

Maraist said the story determines how many hours of tape are needed to complete the documentary.

Eventually, Maraist would like to turn this mini-documentary into a longer one focused more generally on school funding in the state of Illinois.

"I will take as long as I can for the big picture, but for the shorter picture I'll take what I can get," he said.

Throughout the election, Maraist will continue shooting to compile more thoughts for his larger documentary.

A loose outline is important to creating the documentary, he said because without it, the production would lose direction.

Maraist said he's learning people are very passionate about the story. He said some people have chosen not to talk on camera, but he's hoping they will come around from the bigger production.

"I'd like to show people the angles and the passion behind the angles; who's working out there and who might have the answer," Maraist said.

Unfortunately, shortly before the election some of his resources for the documentary were called to help work on TV shows and he will no longer be able to complete his short-term project.

Maraist said he felt the project was going well and he was covering more of the angles, including fixed income families, the "no" voters and the pro-referendum committee.

He said he wanted the same resources he would need and didn't want to put out half the story.

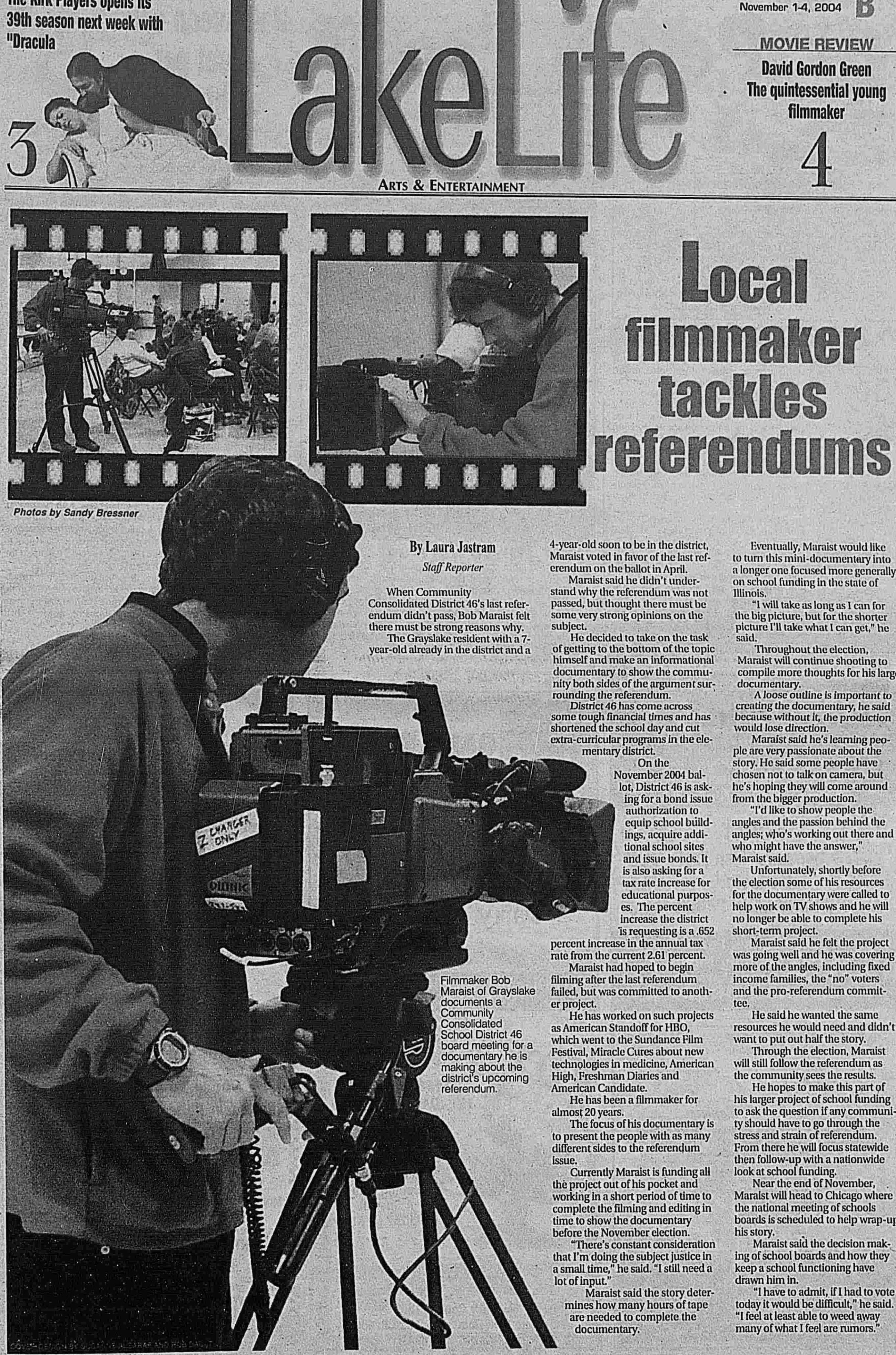
Through the election, Maraist will still follow the referendum as the community sees the results.

He hopes to make this part of his larger project of school funding to ask the question if any community should have to go through the stress and strain of referendum. From there he will focus statewide then follow-up with a nationwide look at school funding.

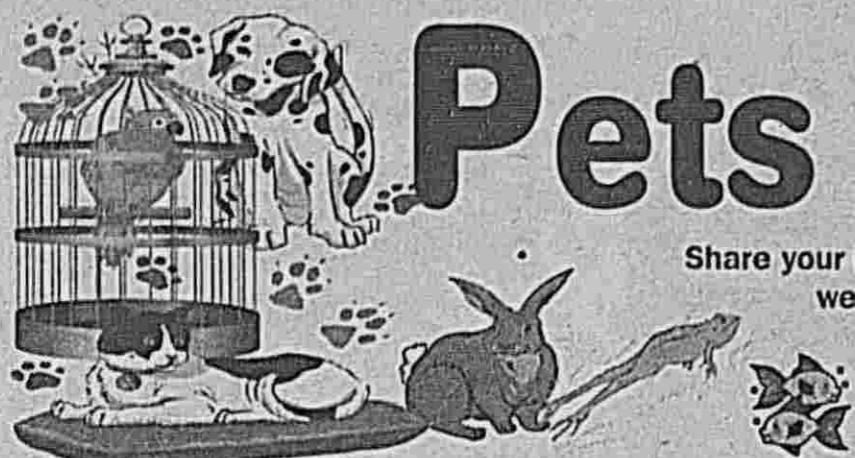
Near the end of November, Maraist will head to Chicago where the national meeting of schools boards is scheduled to help wrap-up his story.

Maraist said the decision making of school boards and how they keep a school functioning have drawn him in.

"I have to admit, if I had to vote today it would be difficult," he said. "I feel at least able to weed away many of what I feel are rumors."



Filmmaker Bob Maraist of Grayslake documents a Community Consolidated School District 46 board meeting for a documentary he is making about the district's upcoming referendum.



Pets & People

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Halloween pet costume contest

Pine Tree Pet Super Center, in Libertyville, is hosting a Halloween pet costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 31.

Pictures will be taken and displayed until the costume judging on Nov. 1. A \$25 store gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of each of the following categories: scariest pet, funniest pet, cutest pet, owner look-a-like and most creative.

For more information, call Pine Tree Pet Super Center at 847-367-7220. The store is located at 1153 S. Milwaukee (Route 21), north of Route 60 and south of Golf Road.

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Bailey



Zimba

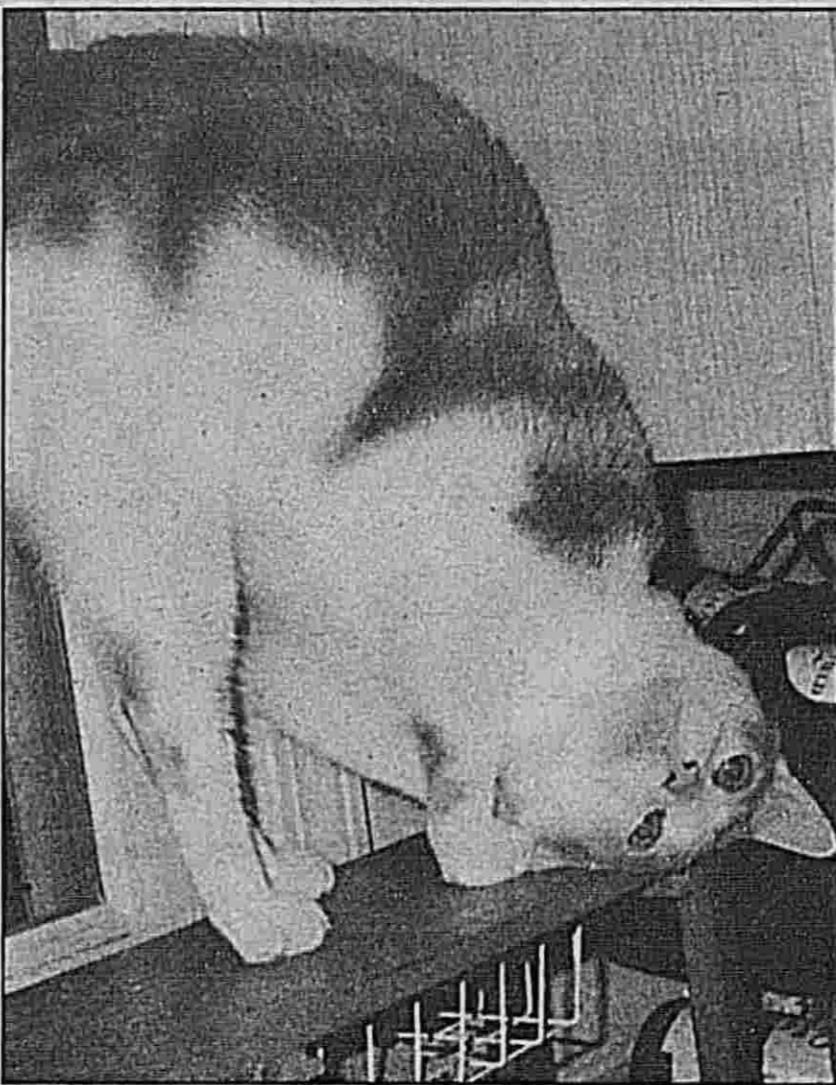
Bailey, a 6-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, and Zimba, a 10-year-old Lab and collie mix, are to be adopted together. The pair is referred to as "mother and son." They have become accustomed to living together. Both are up to date on their vaccinations and are housebroken. Bailey is on thyroid medication, though Save-A-Pet canine handler Greg Dittbrenner said it's an inexpensive treatment.

Dittbrenner said the dogs came to the shelter because the owner is no longer able to care for the animals due to a medical condition.

"These dogs like to play with each other and keep each other occupied," he said. "These are two big dogs that are a handful, but they are good with other dogs."

Additionally, the dogs are both good with cats and children of all ages. Bailey and Zimba are part of the Kids Care Program.

Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake. It's closed on Tuesday, open 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 847-740-7788 or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.



Which way's up?

Two-year-old Dobby was born in California, but is now living in Antioch. His owner Betsy Smouse said, "He is very vocal. He doesn't speak in words, he speaks in sentences." She also said Dobby is a ham and enjoys making a spectacle of himself as is evidenced with the picture. "He loves to copy what I do, so when I tip my head, he does the same. It only took me a few times to teach him how to do this trick," Smouse said.

Halloween can equal pet nightmare



Julie Murphy
BARKIN' UP
A TREE

Halloween can be frightening for pets. Through its "Pet Talk" electronic newsletter, Patty Hug, a small animal veterinary technician in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University addresses some of these issues.

Hug said, "Like most holidays, Halloween brings extra guests to your doorstep and into your pet's territory. Pets accustomed to large crowds of visitors should have little trouble adjusting, but other pets may be frightened by your new (and strangely dressed) guests."

She said it's best to designate one area, such as a bedroom, to separate pets from guests.

"The scent of the owner in the bedroom will comfort the animal and keep it from feeling abandoned," she said.

Hug said if it is not possible to keep the pet separate, it might be better to board the animal. Some veterinarians, such as the First Veterinary Clinic, in Richmond, will take in boarders if space allows.

For those keeping animals at home on Halloween, Hug recommends restraining pets. "A leash should keep the pet from frightening trick-or-treaters and from running out the door into danger," she said.

She added that extra precautions should be taken for those pets that live outdoors to ensure there is a substantial barrier between them and potentially dangerous passers-by.

"Keep your animals in a fenced area with a ceiling, if possible," Hug said. "This may keep the animal from escaping and keep children from throwing candy, particularly chocolate which is toxic to pets, into the fenced area."

Even when protected by a fence, some pets become frightened by the constant movement and noise that come with Halloween. Hug said, "When in doubt, move the pet indoors to a safe area."

She said that advice counts double for owners of black cats.

"Some people hold superstitions about black cats and seek to harm them as part of a malicious joke," Hug said. "It is up to the owner to protect pets from increased risk."

As for costumes and dressing up pets, Hug said, "It is important to remember that it isn't natural for animals to wear costumes, so they may need to be trained to become comfortable in them. Avoid any costume that impedes their limbs or obstructs their vision."

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Calls, comments and complaints

Regarding a column I wrote called "Questions for readers" Nanci Radford of Round Lake writes: "Hi Jeff, I think your column this week deserves some recognition. It's an inspirational message to our society in general. Keep it up."

Dear Nanci: Thanks for the compliment, but one reader actually cancelled her subscription after reading it. Go figure.

Tamara Rathunde writes: "I am just a Fox Lake subscriber but I wanted to let you know how much I enjoy your articles. I really enjoyed your 'Don't throw away your marriage' article. But even the majority of your other ones are great and are so true to life. At first it sounds like you are bitter but then I take it as you are trying to get people to face reality and wake up to what is going on around us in everyday life. Keep up the good work."

Dear Tamara: Thanks. I wish all readers were as smart as you are.

Concerning a column I wrote called "Just a grumpy old man," TLC Nielsen of Grayslake writes: I love reading your column. Your wit and insight is appreciated. I wasn't sure how serious your last column was saying no to tax increases for selfish teachers' salaries. So I thought I'd ask..."

Dear TLC Nielsen: I will admit that calling teachers selfish was inappropriate. I should have said overpaid teachers.

Regarding a column about outlawing paid sick days for workers and teachers, Debbie Jasnoch of Gurnee writes: "Mr. Zachary, I never agree with your writings, but I'm drawn to read them in the same way people slow down to look at car wrecks... I've never expected to agree with much of what you say, but you have written enough junk for me to officially end my subscription when it comes due in November..."

Dear Debbie: It's interesting that you say you are drawn to read my columns. When I won second place for the second consecutive year for having the best original column at the Illinois State Press Association convention, the judges wrote that I draw my readers in. I'm sorry you are canceling your subscription.

Margie Palmer writes: "My husband and I enjoy your well-written columns. Keep up the great work. Still seeking shelters from the storms of life? Try the small church on Washington Street in Round Lake."

Dear Margie: Thanks for the church invitation. But I read about this catholic church that is serving beer at night with its sermons as a way of increasing attendance.

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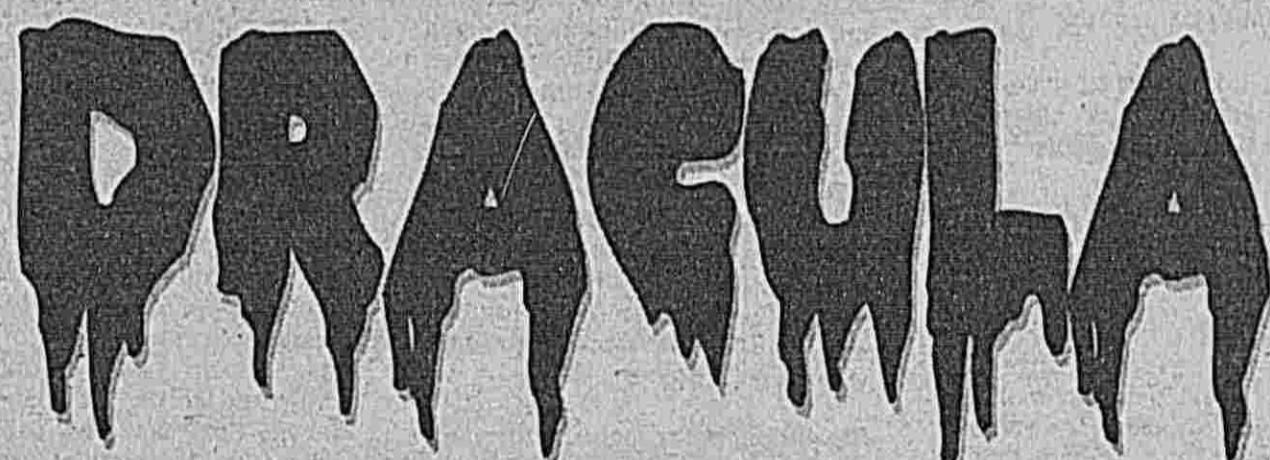
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The Kirk Players opens its 39th season next week with "Dracula," based on the classic drama by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston, at Cuneo Museum & Gardens. The cast includes Jim Leesch as Dracula and Shara Rice of Gurnee as the beautiful Lucy Seward. —Photo by Joe Shuman

Kirk players presents



The King of the Vampires has come to Cuneo Museum and Gardens, just in time for Halloween. The Kirk Players proudly presents its 39th season with the classic thriller, "Dracula," staged in the Grand Foyer of the Cuneo Museum and Gardens, 1350 Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills.

The show is scheduled to run with evening performances at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 11-13. The troupe offers matinee performances at 4 p.m. on Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14.

Dracula, written by playwrights John L. Balderston and Hamilton Deane, and adapted from Bram Stoker's classic novel, is the great mysterious thriller of our time. It is the story of Lucy Seward, played by Shara Rice of Gurnee, daughter of a physician who runs an English sanatorium, and the struggle to combat the mysterious illness that befalls her.

Dr. Seward, played by veteran Kirk Player Patrick Blake of Libertyville, contacts a specialist, Professor Abraham Van Helsing, played by Shara's father, Randy Rice of Mundelein, who believes she has been the victim of a vampire, one Count Dracula, played by guest performer Jim Leesch of Buffalo Grove.

"It's a fabulous script," said Director and long-time Kirk Player, Jon Leslie Lynn of

Mundelein. "Our cast and crew have worked hard to develop the special effects that are sure to capture the audience's imagination."

Rounding out the cast are: guest performer, Dean Griffiths, playing the wild R. M. Renfield; Kirk player Brian Motyka, as Lucy's fiancé Johnathan Harker; player Chuck Fitz-Hugh, playing Butterworth; and guest performer, Sue Markgraf, as Miss Wells, the maid.

A seasoned technical crew joins Lynn. Mary Jo Pippenger of Hawthorn Woods is assistant director. Veteran stage manager Sheila Bourque of Third Lake is assisted by Kristin Bieber; Gary Gunther of Mundelein, lighting design; Janet Walker of Third Lake, sound design; Fran Hansen of Wheeling, props mistress; Wendy Preuss of Skokie, costume mistress; and Brenda Sparks of Mundelein, set design and decoration.

Due to limited seating, reservations for all shows are required and tickets are selling fast. Call 847-362-3042, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday to purchase tickets and reserve seats.

For more information about this show and to purchase season tickets for the Kirk Players' 39th season, call Paddy Lynn at 847-566-6391. Or, visit Kirk Players on the Internet at www.geocities.com/kirkplayers

Correction

Photos for the LakeLife cover story "Dipping Myths," which ran in the October 29 issue, were bylined incorrectly as taken by Sandy Bressner. The photos were actually taken by John Dickson. Thank you John for the great photos which helped bring the feature story together.

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Sofia's Lexus

Take my advice. Don't end up in the hospital while Martha Stewart is doing time. You'll wonder, like me, if your surroundings look this drab because of your rotten outlook, or because Martha is incarcerated and has declared prison colors de rigueur. This is not a good thing because, from the institutional brown walls, to the green furnishings, the atmosphere I'm enjoying right now has all the homely warmth of a power plant.

But at least I've got a roommate who favors the brighter end of the color spectrum. Sixty-five year old Sofia has a fire engine red temperament that produces a never-ending barrage of personal anecdotes. I liken her to a Chinese New Year's Dragon as she parades the hospital floor dispensing riotous monologues about her Polish youth, working years in America and current family life. To me, Sofia is the equivalent of the yellow marigold blooming through the cracked pavement outside my hospital room window - a compelling contrast to the surrounding dull gray.



Leslie Clazier-Werner

LES ON LIFE

Born and raised in Warsaw, Sofia left medical school there to wed in America. It was a union begun in the turbulent '60s, but characterized by old world diligence and duty - 43 years of scrimping and saving to "get rich."

"Forty-three years." These words mark the beginning and end of Sofia's tales, as if mere repetition can call the years back: "43 years" of waiting, as she says, to "get back to myself" while checking in everyday as a responsible wife, mother and business partner.

Then one morning her husband announced they were starting over again with a move to Arizona, "Sofia, you know I need dry heat for my health." As Sofia felt an eternity of anonymity closing in around her, she responded in her usual mellow fashion, "so go stick your head in the oven!"

With that Sofia took a weeklong hiatus from "doing" for her long overdue journey of "being." And she even found the perfect vehicle for this pilgrimage by surfing the Internet: "a 2004 demo Lexus at a car dealership in Albuquerque, NM." She didn't hesitate to split town in pursuit of this "Holy Grail". No matter that she got lost on the way and ended up sleeping in a cornfield slated for harvesting the next morning. No matter that she then bought herself out of official, badge wearing Mayberry with Wendy's take-out. She was determined to sit behind the wheel of her own free will, even if she came home an out-of-control diabetic.

So naturally, despite her resulting illness, she now refuses to let her mystified husband trade in her chrome-trimmed "Grail" for a more reasonably priced means of self-fulfillment. After 43 years of selflessness, Sofia feels she finally holds the keys to finding her own way. Folly? No more than the dreams of the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker...or even you and me.

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MOVIE REVIEW KEY

I notice his youthful appearance as he enters the room. Looking like he might be ready for a high school yearbook picture, I think of how David Gordon Green must relate to the young actors of his well received films, "George Washington," "All the Real Girls," and now "Undertow." In touring 14 cities David is getting the word out on the film. I spoke with Green about his notion of filmmaking and the work of his current film.

Pam Singleton: An undertow is a reference to dangerous waters. Water is often a symbol of rejuvenation and healing. Is the final scene with Chris wading in the water a rebirth of sorts?

David Gordon Green: Very much. It's a theme of rebirth, but it's also the threat. Which in a way is a strange, sadistic baptism; ...where someone may go down to end his life, it might be seen as a moment of birth.

PS: What about Tim's illness?

DGG: I and the actor designed a kind of distinctive character obstacle that would be kind of an intimate moment between the audience and this character, something that wasn't necessarily going to be shared or seen in ensemble. ...An idea where I thought (that) the other characters think that Tim has this physical condition. The audience knows that it's more of an internal, mental stress and anguish, sadness, frustration. Technically, we decided to be where this kid is trying to contemplate things that his brain's not mature enough or developed enough to handle. And so that the frustration of not being able to grasp what you're being presented with in your life causes him to vomit excessive-

ly—so that he can't hold down food, so that he's malnourished, so that he lacks iron in his body, and he looks to the environment, and the elements in the environment, such as dirt and lead based paint to help compensate....

PS: Because it was much clearer as far as Chris was concerned. I have this feeling that he always felt out of place, and then we find out that he is actually Deel's son.

DGG: Yes, there's that fear of recognizing, I mean of coming to terms with what you already know.

PS: What's your key to working with young actors that's perhaps different with the adults in your films?

DGG: It's a little different. I'm going for the same result, it's just a matter of trying to get them to the same places is different.

PS: Because they don't have the life's experiences?

DGG: Well, it's a different life experience. The seasoned actor brings experience and perspective, and focus and craft to his performance. The value of a kid, a child or a non-actor, is that they bring themselves a lot more. They're lot more available as human beings, because they're not conditioned yet as actors—if that makes sense. Like, to get someone to be natural, to be themselves, to bring elements of their life, when their life is relatively unexplored, is really refreshing, and it brings naturalness and an honesty to their performance. For guys like Dermot Mulroney who've been around for years and

done a hundred movies, have built up walls and designed craft to compensate for their emotional walls, and a lot of my job is trying to destroy those emotional walls to get them to places they've never been before. But it is different, because just the conditioning of actors and a lot of the way actors are trained and conditioned to enunciate words and amplify their voice...I like the mumbles and stutters of speech that are imperfect. And I have to deconstruct things within their training that designed them to be perfect, or to strive towards perfection. They may just massacre a line reading on a take and I'll say 'Perfect,' and they'll say, 'But I just totally ruined it,' and I'm like, 'That's exactly the way it should be.'

PS: I thought I recognized the young actor Jamie Bell but to realize that he was "Billy Elliot" (from the British film "Billy Elliot") — did he come with an Americanized accent?

DGG: Not at all. This is his first American accent. I met him and I was really aggressively wanting him to be able to do it. I trusted him a lot. And in the back of my mind I was a little bit concerned because he had never done it before. But I just knew he was the right guy. And I was even like, 'Just let him speak in a British accent, he was so much the right guy. Accent doesn't even matter, let's just go crazy.' But he was like, 'Let me dedicate to training and the rehearsal period on this and do it right.' And you know he got it. Because I'm from the South and I have an ear for the dialogue and the way that people speak, and especially when people aren't from the South and try to do southern dialects it's easy for them to go over the top...and turn it into a cartoon. So for me it was as much about bringing it back down to reality as it was finding the clues and the goals.

PS: Were there some local people in the film?

David Gordon Green - Director of 'Undertow' The quintessential young filmmaker

By Pam Singleton

would love it to look like it cost 10 times what it did cost. So, it's important for me to put all the money on screen, and if you have people that are working not just on the clock for a paycheck, but they're working to make a good movie it's going to get there.

PS: So, what are you working on now?

DGG: Right now I'm working on a couple of different things. I'm writing a script for Sidney Pollack, he's directing. And I have this adaptation I did of a book called "The Secret Life of Bees." It's a best seller, a really popular book. The success of "George Washington" and "All the Real Girls" was putting a small price tag on what creative freedom to us is and hopefully they'll give us a little more next time.

It ("Undertow") doesn't have the big marquee names or a lot of the concepts that a lot of films have, but it works within the genre of a thriller and as a domestic drama, with some lighthearted moments. It's like a Chinese food buffet, there's a little something for everyone, even if some of it's a little too spicy.

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Days of wine and proposals

Jack and Miles (Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti) are best friends who decide to take a week's vacation in the wine country along California's central coast, for tasting, dining and golf prior to Jack's wedding. Although they are long time friends, two peas in a pod they are not. Miles's idea of a good time is fine wine at a gourmet restaurant after a day of golfing. Jack can skip the golf and drink wine from a carton if it leads to bedding the ladies.

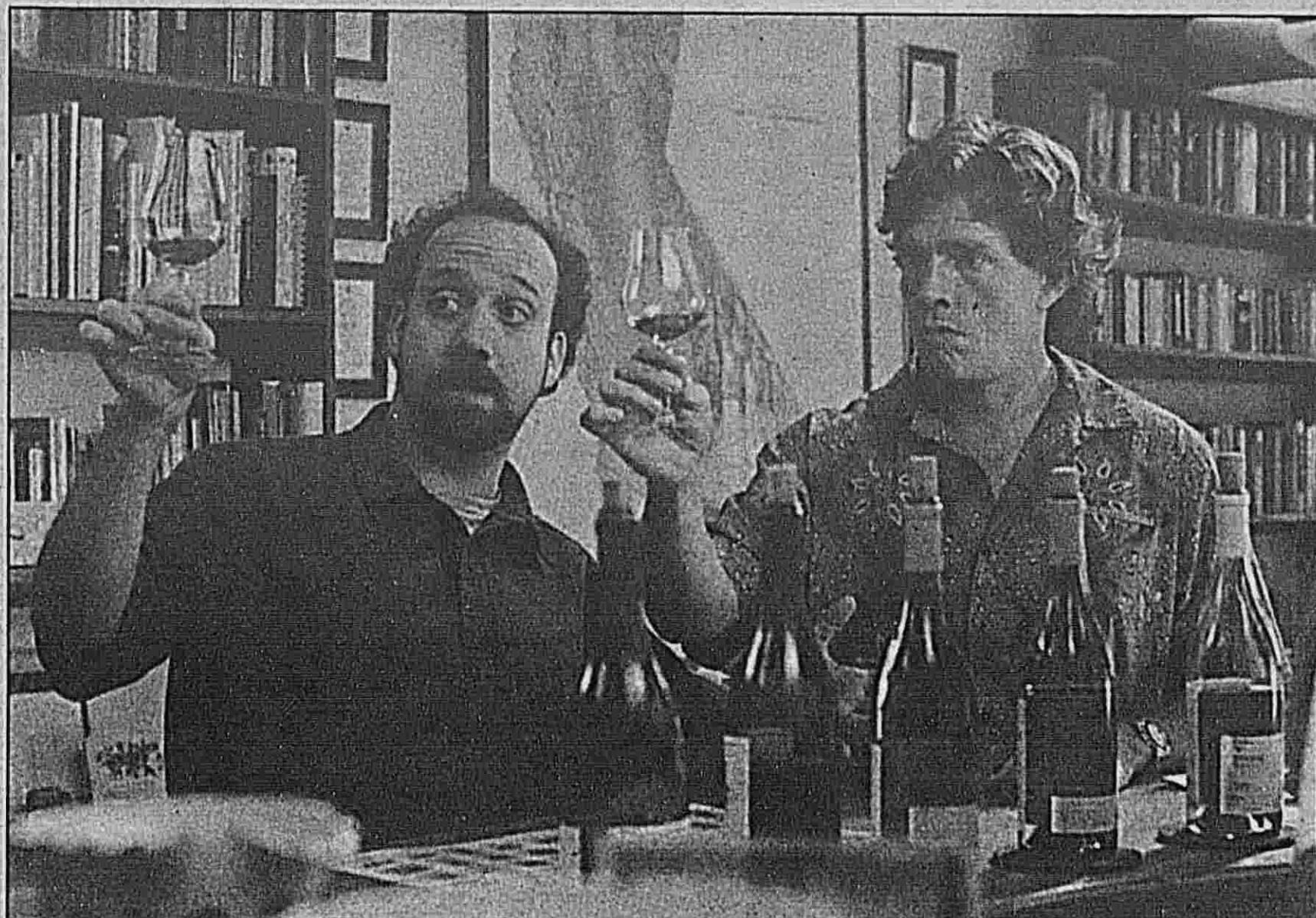
Both men are in personal crisis mode, at that critical 40-something crossroads. Miles is emotionally stuck on his divorce of two years ago. Depression is an understatement. He hopes that his book, "The Day After Yesterday" which elicits the response, "Oh, you mean today," from Maya (Virginia Madsen), will find a publisher with a push from his agent. His teaching job brings zero fulfillment. If not for his love of wine and his friendship with Jack, he would probably commit suicide.

Jack is an over the hill actor who never got close to the top. His credits have been relegated to voice-over commercials on exciting products like mortgage refinancing. He's getting married on Saturday but does he want to be tied down? For sure he wants to have sex with as many women as possible before his wedding night.

The wonderful metaphor of wine to real life is one aspect of the intelligent and thoughtful dialogue throughout the film. Writers Alexander Payne (who directs the film) and Tim Taylor also wrote "Election" and "About Schmidt." Each of the films deals with issues of self-discovery, at any age.

Miles goes to his favorite restaurant, hoping to see Maya, a waitress there who shares a mutual knowledge and love of wine. Miles is technically on the ball on judging wine while Maya knows how wine fits into life. She wisely points out to him that it's possible for a wine to be held so long that it may be too late to appreciate the best that it has to offer. The relationship that develops between Maya and Miles may be the best romantic comedy in years. Good things should happen to good people but wanting it to be does not make it so.

There are poignant moments here; like Miles's conversation with his ex-wife at the wedding, and when he comes to a realization about Jack, there's a definite spark of recognition.



Laugh out loud moments come from the unexpected source of Jack and the relationship he has with Stephanie (Sandra Oh). She's a needy yet independent, though irresponsible single mother, who like Jack is quick to jump in the sack for a one-night stand. The difference is that she is hoping it develops into a long-term relationship while Jack is only interested in sex.

"Sideways" is not only fun but there is so much going on that although you get it the first time, you might want to see it again.

George's Take: This movie certainly has the potential to help you think about how best to deal with "The Day after Yesterday," yes, that's today.

Pam's Take: It's a definite road trip movie for anyone who's trying to grow up and out of a static situation in life. The dialogue alone is worth the price of admission.

(left to right) Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church in "Sideways." —Photo by Merle W. Wallace



Sideways

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Paul Giamatti
Thomas Haden Church
Virginia Madsen
Sandra Oh

Miles
Jack
Maya
Stephanie

Directed by Alexander Payne. A romantic comedy. Rated R for language, some strong sexual content and nudity. Running time: 123 minutes.

Car rally marks record cancer gift



After passing the half million dollar mark last year, the Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally set a new one year total amount in excess of \$60,000 to be added to the \$500,106 raised since the inception in 1978. Childhood Cancer Research in memory of Corinne Kreissl (Research) Grant ROG-00-350-01 is the beneficiary of the event.

The Classic Car Rally, sponsored by the Corinne Kreissl Memorial Foundation of Lake Geneva, is held annually the last full weekend of September. Ideal conditions created a new attendance record of 1200 plus vehicles. Many had pre-registered but most were attracted by the perfect weather. The first prize of \$750 donated by State Line Collision Center, Inc., of Hebron, was won by Barbara Olendzki of Arlington Heights. Second prize, the Spa Escape Package of a weekend for two at Interlaken Resort & Spa was won by Ed Schoenthaler of Oak Brook. The Third prize of a stay at Golden Oaks Mansion with dinner at Mac's Dixie Roadhouse and golf at Geneva National was won by Ken Olendzki of Arlington Heights.

The "poker hand" tour around Geneva Lake ended at the event's host site, Interlaken Resort & Spa, and awards were presented following an organized fly-over by bi-planes and other antique aircraft. The group called "Lilflight" is the car rally's air wing under the direction of Dick and Jeannie Hill of Harvard, Illinois.

The first 10 places in the poker hand competition received wall plaques donated by Rallye Productions, Inc., of Waukesha the company that donates the dash plaques for participating vehicles. Paul & Bunny Rizzo of Lake Geneva donated the promotional badges that were won during the week-end. Portrait photography was done by Lake Geneva Photography.

Plans for the 28th Annual Car Rally are underway with September 24th & 25th next year scheduled as dates.

For further information contact George and Jan Kreissl at P.O. Box 732, Lake Geneva, Wis. 53137-0732, or call 262-248-2764.

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About the Lake County Forest Preserves

The Lake County Forest Preserves manages 24,955 acres of land and offers innovative educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for all ages. Visitors enjoy nearly 112 miles of trail for a variety of outdoor recreation uses, fishing ponds and lakes, public access to the Fox River, award-winning nature and history education programs and events, and four public golf courses. Facilities of special interest include Independence Grove near Libertyville, Ryerson Conservation Area near Deerfield, Lake County Discovery Museum near Wauconda, Greenbelt Cultural Center near Waukegan, and ThunderHawk Golf Club near Beach Park.

A thousand cranes

View migrating Sandhill Cranes under the guidance of a naturalist. Thousands of these magnificent four-foot-tall birds stop at this refueling spot before continuing south for the winter. We'll drive to Jasper Pulaski Wildlife Area in northwest Indiana, enjoy a hearty snack and walk to the crane feeding grounds to watch thousands of cranes gather in the evening sunset. Includes transportation from Libertyville and snacks. We'll stop for dinner on your own before returning.

The event is on Sunday, Nov. 7, in Medaryville, IN from 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Adults are \$89 (\$69 for Lake County residents) per person. Registration and pre-payment required. Register by calling 847-968-3321.

Above and below

Cave of the Mounds and Blue Mound State Park less than an hour west of Madison, WI, is the most significant cave in the Midwest and a national landmark. Includes transportation from our General Offices in Libertyville, snacks, cave tour and exploration of the nearby Blue Mounds State Park. Lunch is on your own.

The event is on Saturday, Nov. 13, Blue Mounds, WI, from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Adults are \$107 (\$77 for Lake County residents) per person.

Registration and pre-payment required. Register by calling 847-968-3321.

Public program to offer information about cougars

On Thursday, Nov. 11, the Liberty Prairie Conservancy and Lake County Audubon Society will offer a public program about cougars and whether they are returning to the Midwest. The program—"Cougars in Lake County?"—will be held in the Byron Colby Barn in Grayslake from 7-9 p.m.

Clay Nielsen of Southern Illinois University, who has studied cougars and other large cats extensively, will be the featured speaker. Nielsen is a Wildlife Ecologist at the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Nielsen is also the Director of Scientific Research dedicated to the study of cougar habitat and distribution.

"Because there have been reported sightings of cougars in Lake County in the last year," said Steve Barg, executive director of the Liberty Prairie Conservancy, "we thought it was important to provide facts and information about them to the public."

The Liberty Prairie Conservancy, a non-profit land conservation organization, offers public programs for members and non-members. The cost for the program is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Registration is required. Seating is limited. Call 847-548-5989, ext. 33, or email info@libertyprairie.org to register and for directions.

Arctic Wolf: Share the excitement

Families can spend an evening with an authentic Arctic wolf and wildlife rehabilitation expert. Participants of this Arctic Wolf Experience will be able to get close to these beautiful animals and learn about their lives as pack members. The Northbrook Park District will host this session on Friday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m. at the Meadowhill Park Chalet Building, 1500 Maple Ave. Fees are \$5 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. A special Scout rate is available. Call Julie Hansen at 847-291-2995 for more information.



CYT Lake County Presents 'Robin Hood'

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Pictured are (first row- left to right) Elliot Dawson (Kaspar); Andrew Newton (Robin Hood); (second row- left to right) Lindsay Yates (Maid Marian); Matthew Pilipiak (Prince John); Lady Merle: Denise Lanier. Audiences of nearly 4,000 patrons and 2,000 school children will enjoy a cast and crew of over 90 Lake County youth in the Christian Youth Theater of Lake County musical production of "Robin Hood". —Photo by Vicki Elbrecht.

Christian Youth Theater students of Lake County will present Robin Hood, a favorite CYT original musical at the Christian Arts Auditorium at 2500 Dowie Memorial Drive in Zion, Illinois Nov. 4-14. CYT is an after-school theater arts education program for kids ages 6-18, offering classes and camps to over 3,000 students in the Kane, Lake, McHenry, Northwest Cook, and DuPage County areas. CYT of Lake County classes are held in the Gurnee area. CYT is a family-oriented organization dedicated to providing entertaining activities involving the whole family.

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School day performances are Nov. 4 and 10, 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Children 2-12 and Seniors 62+, and special group rate of \$7 for groups of 15 or more. All seats are \$7 for our Family Show on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the CYT Box Office at 847-516-2293. Visa and MasterCard accepted. For more information about "Robin Hood" or other CYT productions throughout the Chicagoland area, visit www.cychicago.org.

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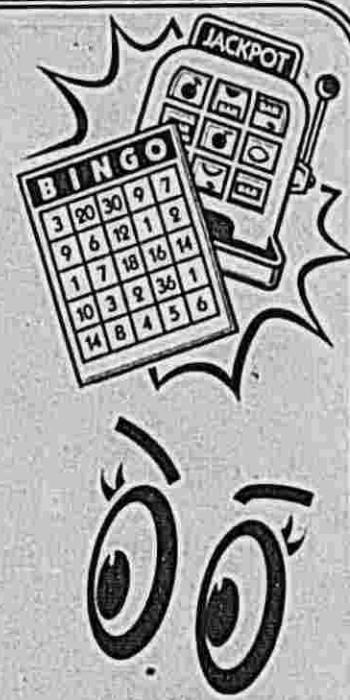
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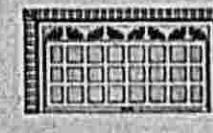
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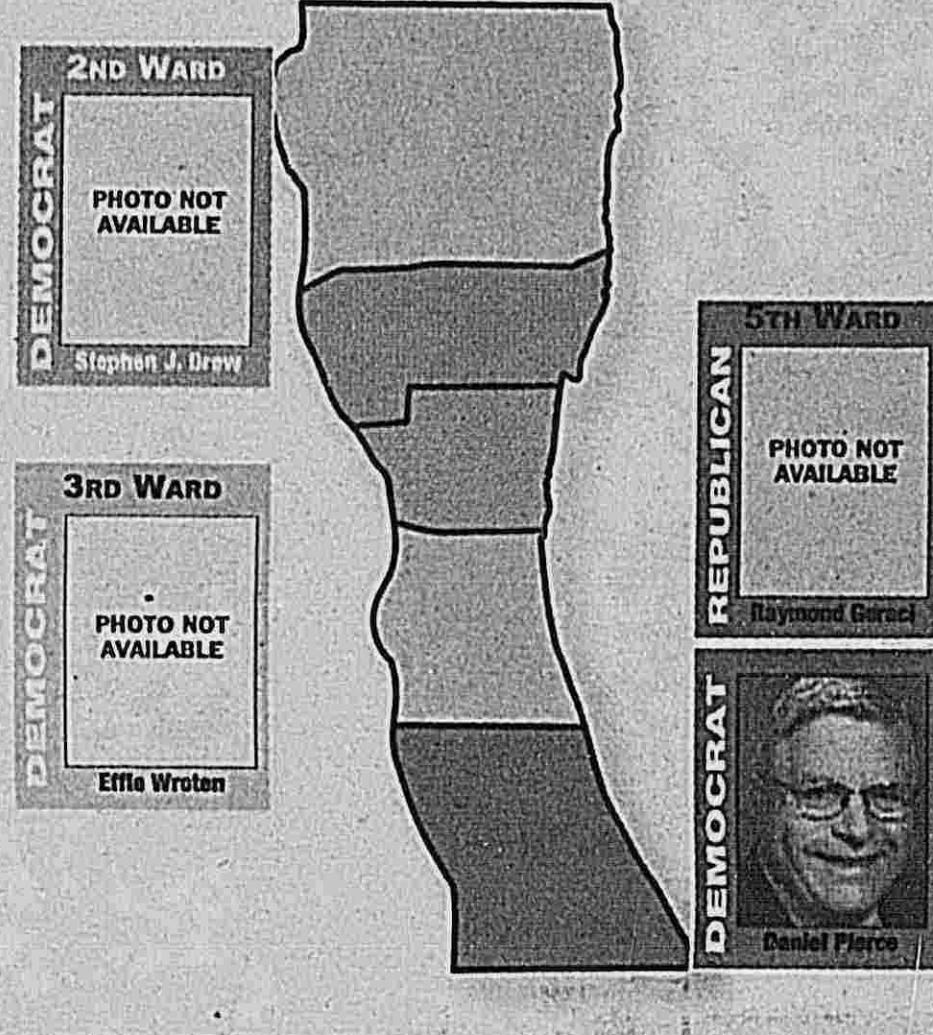
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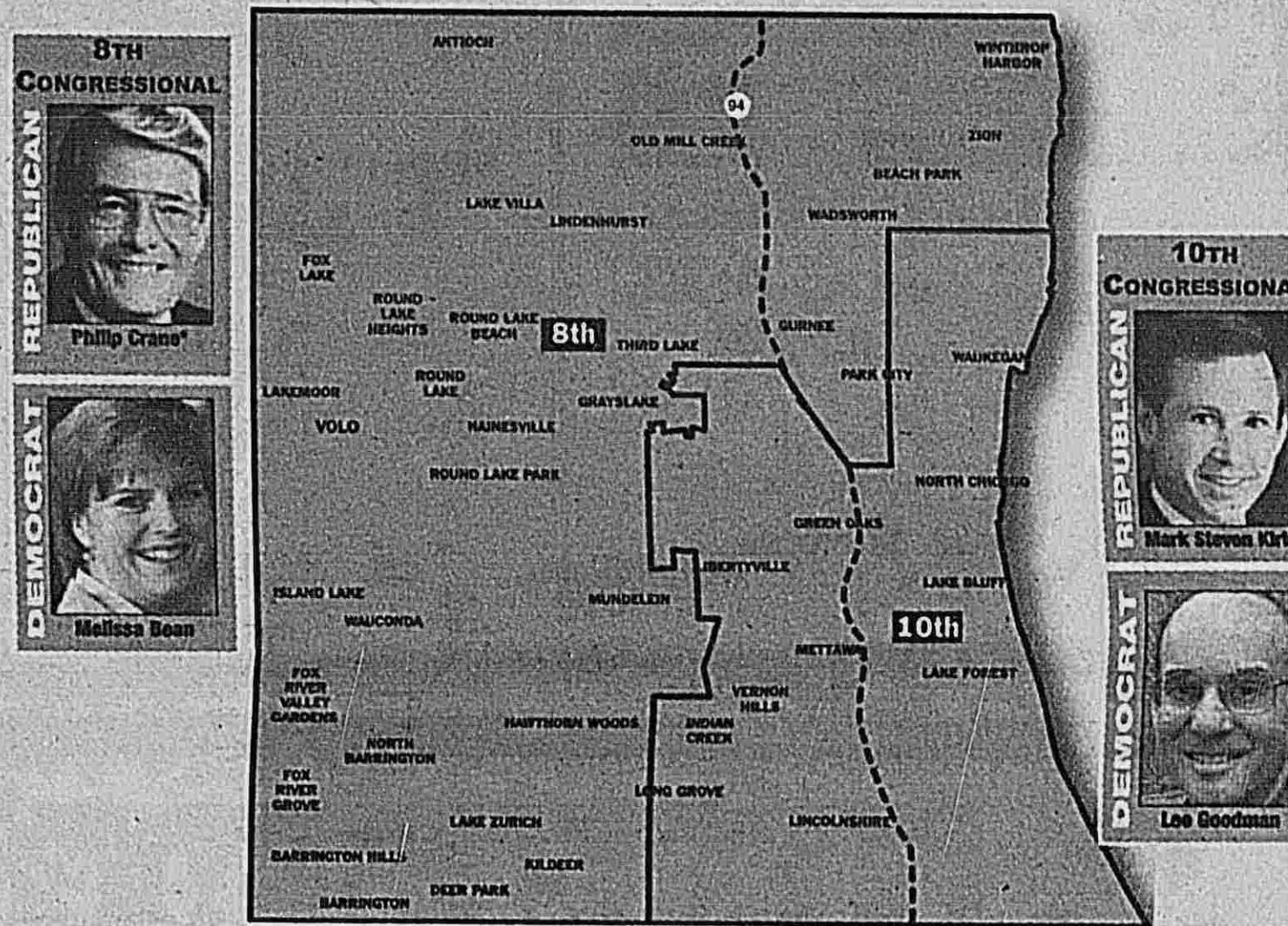
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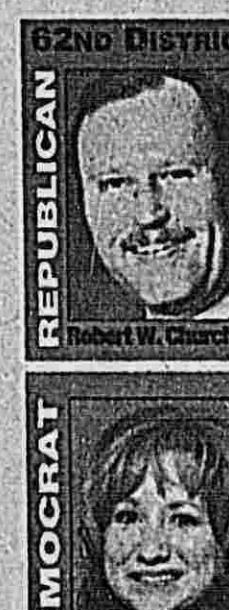
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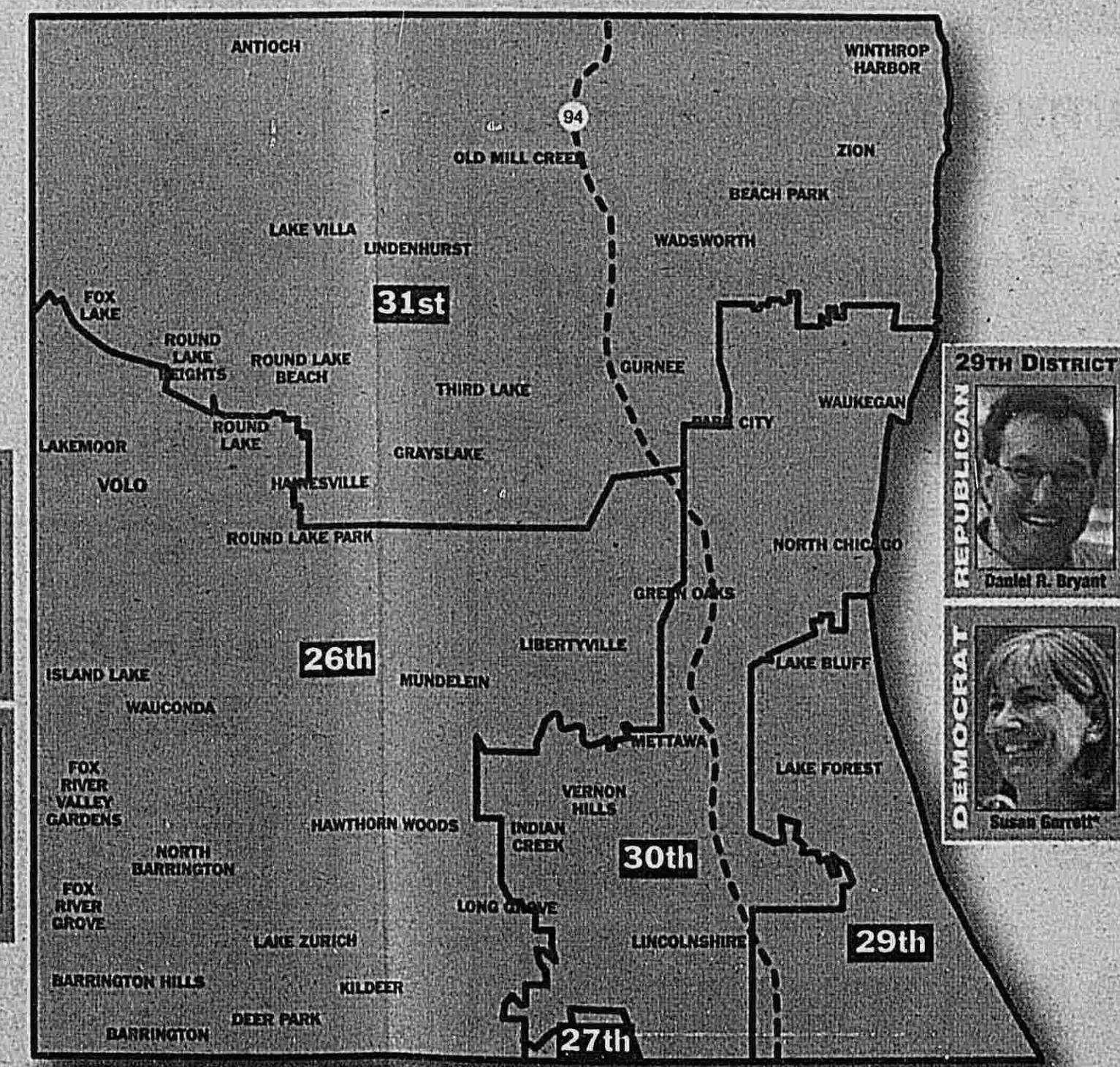
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REFERENDUMS

City of Lake Forest

- Become a home rule unit

City of Zion

- Continue prohibition of liquor sales in areas where it is already prohibited

Village of Deerfield

- Issue \$25,000,000 in library bonds

Village of Fox Lake

- Provide payment for redevelopment project costs and issue \$4,950,000 in general obligation bonds to pay for the costs

Village of Tower Lakes

- Increase corporate tax rate to .438% from .33%

Shields Township

- Enact the Township Refuse Collection and Disposal Act

Barrington Public Library Dist.

- Issue \$28,000,000 in bonds for improvements

Winthrop Harbor School Dist. #1

- Increase tax rate to 2.56% from 2.17%

McHenry C.C. School Dist. #15

- Increase tax rate to 2.34% from 1.96%

Grass Lake School Dist. #36

- Increase tax rate to 2.59% from 1.99%

Gavin School Dist. #37

- Issue \$4,000,000 in school building bonds to improve Gavin Central
- Issue \$1,000,000 in school building bonds to improve Gavin South

Big Hollow School Dist. #38

- Issue \$29,000,000 in school building bonds

Lake Villa C.C. School Dist. #41

- Increase tax rate to 2.71% from 2.06%
- Issue \$6,500,000 in school building bonds

Grayslake Community Cons. School Dist. #46

- Issue \$34,000,000 in school building bonds
- Increase tax rate to 3.262% from 2.61%

Gurnee School Dist. #56

- Increase tax rate to 2.43% from 2.18%

Barrington Comm. Unit School Dist. #220

- Increase tax rate to 3.20% from 3.00%

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- Continue to provide paramedic ambulance services
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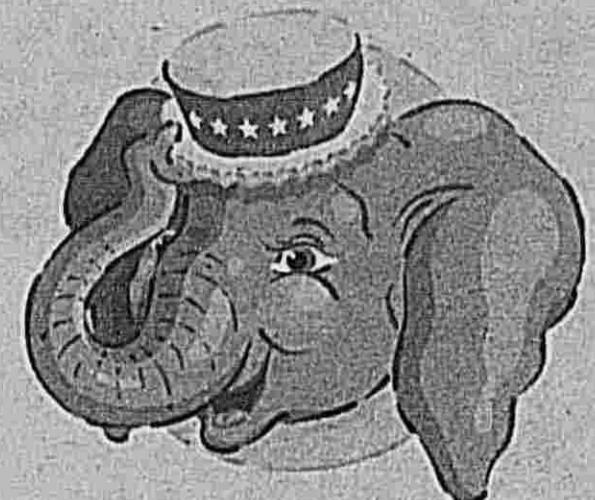
Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection Dist.

- Increase special ambulance tax to 0.30%
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Winthrop Harbor Fire Protection Dist.

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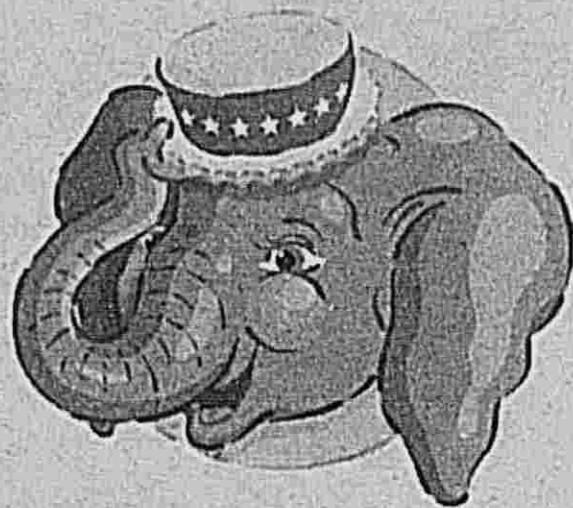
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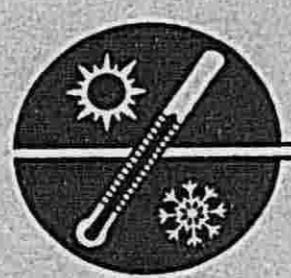
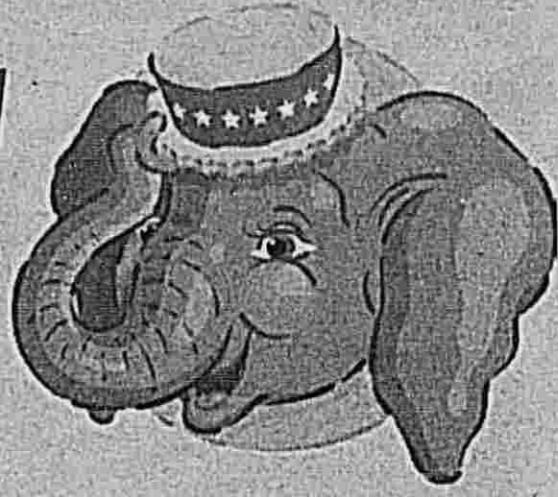
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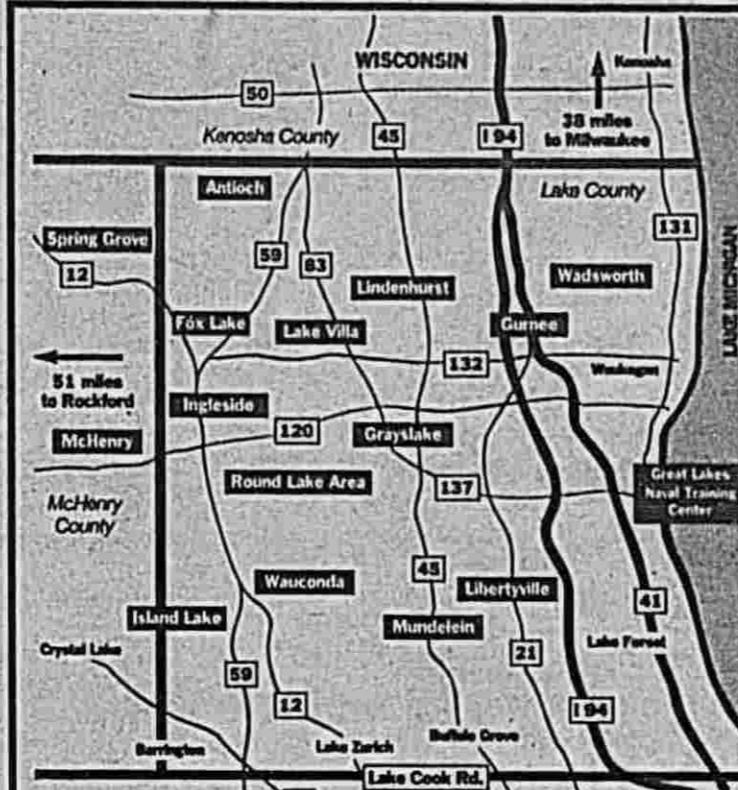
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if you vote yes

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No. of months to build a new school
18 to 24 months

Before our kids can be brought back

Cost to taxpayers to build a
65,000 square foot
Elementary School in 2005
9 Million Dollars
plus inflation*

Because of variables such as bond rating (i.e. credit worthiness), interest rates, bond repayment schedules, etc., a property tax figure is just not available at this time. However, it certainly will be more than zero.

if you vote no

the district has other options

No. of months to repair existing
Gavin Central to meet all codes
3 Months

Our kids will be back

Cost to taxpayers to repair
Gavin Central
Zero Dollars
Numerous offers by contractors to
pay for repairs have been ignored

Additional property tax to/for a home
owner with an assessed valuation if
Gavin Central is repaired
Zero Dollars

* Note: Existing Gavin Central has 65,000 square feet. As of November, 2004, the cost to replace that space with a new building would be approximately \$9,000,000.

The Contractor and Architect are on record numerous times as far back as March to have the few minor problems at Central repaired to meet all existing codes at no cost to the district.

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THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE CLOSING OF GAVIN NORTH SCHOOL AND ITS SUBSEQUENT SALE

The Board of Education decided to close Gavin North School, resulting in the loss of 10 classrooms, claiming the building was unsafe for students, rather than developing a plan to address the most critical issues first and a further plan to make desired building upgrades in an orderly manner. Yet, this same Board apparently had no qualms in selling the Gavin North building to Lake Villa Township to use as a community center. Somehow, this building which was "unsafe" for school district purposes was now "safe" for non-school district purposes. In fact, Bob Streicher, a Lake Villa building inspector said he saw "no problem" with the building. "It could be used for a handful of purposes," he said . . . "I don't think it should be torn down. It just hasn't had the maintenance it has needed." (Daily Herald, July 21, 2004) Read on to learn more about life safety and Gavin North School.

When Gavin North School was constructed in 1950's, initial cost, instead of life cycle cost, was of great concern. As was common in much school construction during the late 50's and early 60's, building systems were designed and constructed as inexpensively as possible. Many requirements for exiting, lighting, ventilation, heating, fire alarm systems and the like were not overly restrictive nor extensive at that time. It was not until after the 1958 fire at Our Lady of the Angels School that more complete and comprehensive codes were put into place to protect the health and safety of persons in school buildings. However, the "Building Specifications for Health and Safety in Public Schools" issued in 1963 did not require existing schools to meet current building codes, but rather was written to require existing schools to meet certain minimum standards for health and safety, recognizing that to require all existing schools to meet current building codes would be a difficult and costly proposition. Subsequent codes prepared and issued by the state for new construction increased the requirements closer to meeting model building codes until the current "Health /Life Safety Code for Public Schools" required new construction to meet the requirements of the BOCA Basic Building Code. Throughout this progression of codes, existing buildings were not required to be upgraded and retrofitted to meet the requirements of BOCA. Thus, as one can well imagine, when a school district decides to bring a 1950's vintage school building up to meet the requirements of the current edition of BOCA, much work and expense will be required.

Under current school funding scenarios, a school district's ability to issue life safety bonds or levy the "life safety nickel" may be limited by the tax cap legislation which has been in place in Lake County since the early 1990's. This condition has impacted Gavin North School over the years as limited funds have been available to undertake major life safety projects. Consequently, only the most needed repairs have been done, trying to take care of the most critical conditions with hopes that funds may be available in the future to undertake more major work such as complete roofing replacement. Add to this situation the attempt to bring the entire facility up to the requirements of BOCA, which the building was not built under and from which many requirements have become more stringent with each new edition of BOCA, the scope and costs of such a project would be overwhelming when no funding is readily available.

In reality, the Board of Education could well have worked to update Gavin North School to the standards they believed were desirable for the school district. But to not do that and claim the building was "unsafe" and then sell it to another government body for public use as a "safe" building with relatively minor repairs certainly begs the question of what is behind the Board of Education's and district administration's thinking. It would seem that the loss of 10 "safe" classrooms is certainly not in the best interest of Gavin's students and taxpayers. Several hundred students and their parents would certainly be happier to be at Gavin North rather than being bused all over the county. Do you really want to entrust \$4 million to these same people who sold Gavin North? Vote NO!

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THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR (\$1,000,000) REQUESTED BOND ISSUE FOR GAVIN SOUTH SCHOOL

The issue here claims that there are life safety matters at Gavin South that could affect the health and safety of the students. Many of the items listed in the preliminary draft of the life safety amendment are not required by the rules of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Rather, they reflect the preferences and desires of the current administration to make upgrades to Gavin South School, rather than repair and maintain the existing school facility. There is nothing wrong with upgrading a school, but there is certainly something wrong when the administration claims that \$1,000,000 is required to make the building safe for students. Witness the closure and sale of Gavin North, which is going to be reopened to the public by Lake Villa Township with the completion of relatively minor repairs under the same codes that the School District used to justify its closing. Consider, if you will . . .

- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to revise a drinking fountain to make it accessible when accessible drinking fountains exist within the facility? (ISBE guidelines allow using life safety funds to make one set of toilet rooms and one drinking fountain accessible.)
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to revise single-person toilet rooms which do not have water closets with elongated bowls (which were in compliance with the code when the building was built) when there are adequate toilet rooms throughout the building?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to replace exhaust fans for these single-person toilet rooms when there are adequate toilet rooms throughout the building?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to take care of ordinary, minor maintenance items such as replacing a cover plate on an electrical junction box or replacing a plastic end cap on a piece of computer equipment raceway?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to install door closers on doors which do not require closers by the code?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to replace a missing clock, which may not really be needed?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to revise ventilation to a music room that has been "temporarily" divided to accommodate student enrollment due to the closing of Gavin North, when this ventilation should have been addressed/updated when the room was modified if the room division was intended to be permanent?
- Is it worth \$1,000,000 to provide accessible showers in the locker rooms when junior high students don't shower?
- Will these changes make Gavin South School a safer building?
- Many people go through life wondering if they have made a difference. You can make a difference by voting NO to the District's claims that 1 million dollars are required to make Gavin South safe.

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WHAT IT WILL REALLY COST THE DISTRICT TO HOUSE 600 STUDENTS AT A "NEW" GAVIN CENTRAL?

\$9,000,000	Proposed New 65,000 s.f. School
\$4,000,000	Referendum for an addition to Gavin Central (required because of the sale of Gavin North)
\$6,500,000	Bonds issued for existing Gavin Central yet to be paid
\$19,500,000	Total Cost for One 600 Student School
\$1,500,000	Estimated Litigation, Relocation and Professional Fees
\$21,000,000	Total Cost to the Taxpayers

The Gavin Board bond referenda states that no taxpayers money will be required because:

\$4,700,000	Illinois Capital Development Board Emergency Grant (State Taxpayers money)
\$3,000,000	The Amount the Board Wishes to Obtain Through Litigation for Repairs <i>Note: In America you are presumed innocent until proven guilty. The \$3,000,000, which the board is counting on must be considered as a "major" assumption.</i>
\$2,000,000	Illinois Capital Development Board Will Fund for North School (State Taxpayers money)
\$9,700,000	Total

Note: All grants are anticipated, i.e. not confirmed.

\$21,000,000 - \$9,700,000 = \$11,300,000

If no taxpayers money will be required, who will pay the \$11,300,000 bill and who will fund the additional \$4,700,000 + \$2,000,000 = \$6,700,000 in Capital Development Board State Grants?

What will happen if the district does not win all or part of the \$3,000,000 litigation?
(The taxpayers will pay – that is what will happen). This statement made by Connie Thorsen at BD Meeting on October 26. Relocation costs of students, since Central could have been fixed months ago will be very difficult to justify to the courts. Attorney's fees are not contractually recoverable.

The estimated costs of two to three hundred thousand dollars to fix the few problems at Gavin Central based on Engineer's drawings is a major difference from the 3 million dollar school repair estimate. Still why should taxpayers pay either, since the repair offer is still on the table? Licensed Illinois engineers have reviewed repairs. Four engineers have reviewed the proposed repairs, which will meet all school codes and will provide a safe environment for students. The Board, since March continues to ignore and refuse this offer and continues to blow the minor fixes at Central totally out of proportion. Even the Board's Engineers Pease Borst have stated during the August 24th Board Meeting, the Board should repair Central and when repaired, they would send their children to that school.

The Board of Education tells us our children will be temporarily relocated for the two years under their plan. The repair will have students in schools in several months.

Nobody in the State of Illinois is considering spending \$21,000,000 for a new 600-student school. Gavin District 37 taxpayers cannot afford it either.

Vote "NO" now and require the Board of Education to either bring back a reasonable proposal in April or allow repairs to fix Gavin Central to proceed.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You're feeling wildly eccentric and could "wow" everyone with your antics, Aries. Cool down or you're bound to alienate those who aren't as crazy as you.


LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Instead of bringing too much to the romance table, let others take the lead. Enjoy as events will unfold more slowly, and the anticipation of what will happen next.


TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Some people dream of riches, but you know better, Taurus. Riches will be a healthy consequence of your consistent hard work. Singles will meet a Scorpio or Pisces this week.


GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Your opinion deserves to be heard, but only after you've gone over the logic several times to make sure it is sound, Gemini. This will be especially true at work.


CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Luck comes out of networking, Cancer, and you are the consummate politician. Go shake some hands and make new relationships. You never know when you'll need a friend.


LEO - Jul 23/Aug 22

Regarding that persistent problem, make a commitment to finish your project, whether or not you're enjoying it and regardless of how you feel it is going. It's time to move forward.


VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You have a lot of pizzazz this week, Virgo, partially because you're making it up as you go along. You have a new attitude and outlook on life. Enjoy the good fortune.


SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

This week you're putting more energy behind your choices, Scorpio. Use the added boost to tackle projects you've previously cast aside.


SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

The thing you want most cannot be bought with money, Sagittarius. But you can buy the tools to help you learn how to get "it." It will be a wise investment.


CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You've got a plugged-in feeling, offering all of the energy in the world. You can't imagine what is dragging others down. Pitch in for others who are straggling behind.


AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Febr 18

You want the things that others don't necessarily desire, Aquarius. It's what makes you a leader and not a follower. Continue to march to the beat of your own drum.


PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Affection grows where there are shared goals, Pisces, so think about this as you examine future relationships. Security is your focus this week.



Treats without Tricks at All Hallows' Eve

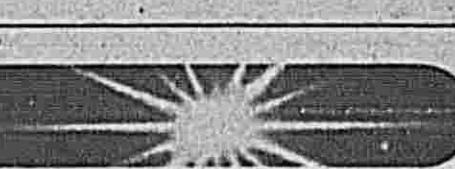
A safe and entertaining "All Hallows' Eve" was held at Midway Village & Museum Center which provided activities such as a children's costume contest, children's Halloween crafts, Halloween storytelling in the Village Hotel, and guided tour of a Haunted Forest. Village buildings were decorated and waiting for young trick-or-treaters. (above) Ghouls and goblins inhabiting the Haunted Forest battle it out with local hero. (right) children show off their costumes during the festivities. Sponsors included: Balloons & Flowers by Haley, Bost Masonry, Don Carter Lanes, Old Country Buffet/Home Town Buffet, Rockford Firefighters #413, Rockford Health System, Rockford Police PBPA, SwedishAmerican Health System, Target and Winnebago County Dental Hygienists.



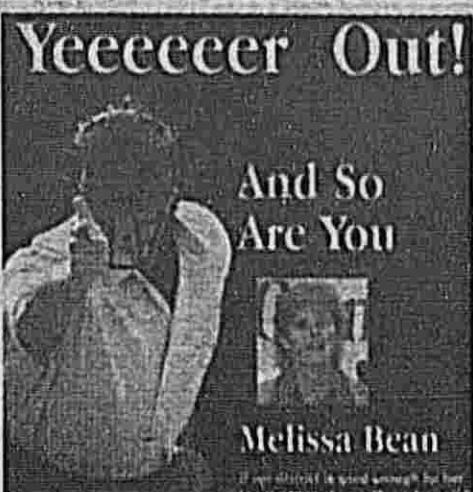
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Should Lake County or the state raise taxes in any way to support road construction?	Y R N R N Y N R R R N N N R N R R N - N N R N N N Y - - O O - R			



FROM PAGE 1



Above—A campaign mailer questioning Melissa Bean's residency outside the district she seeks. Right—A mailer hailing U.S. Rep. Phil Crane as 'The Junket King.'



ELECTION

enough for her to live in." The card also states "Melissa Bean want to represent you—but doesn't even live in our district. She had four years to move into our district but hasn't."

For her part, Bean said, "I used to live in the district but was gerrymandered out of it by Crane."

She then drew a map on a piece of paper and showed how the district is all around her house and claimed that Crane had the district redrawn to put her out of it. She added that she thought it was strange that Crane who really lives in Virginia would be making an issue out of Bean not living in the district.

In interviews and in questionnaires from Lakeland Media, both Bean and Crane talked about the campaign.

"He is out of town, he is out of touch and he is out of time," Bean said. "If he's out on the beach on one of his junkets he's not in tune with what the people are dealing with."

We definitely have the momentum. People say they have seen me more in the past three years in the district than they have seen Crane in 30 years," Bean said.

Bean's campaign manager Brian Hermann said he is optimistic. "We are confident because the message we have been delivering is finally resonating with the people and they are ready for change."

And although Bean has been critical of the

incumbent, Crane said he is confident he can do a better job than Bean.

"Fighting for lower taxes and bringing more jobs to the Eighth District have been the hallmarks of my career. I have brought more than \$260 million in the past two years alone for projects here at home to help the environment, strengthen the criminal justice system and to improve our children's education," Crane said.

Crane also lashed out at Bean's campaign tactics. "She is sending out negative mailings in an attempt to divert attention from the real issues. I have always been against raising taxes and she is for raising taxes and she is trying to keep that from the public," Crane said.

According to Crane's campaign manager Dennis Sullivan, Crane will be watching election results come in at Dukes Grill in Wauconda. Bean will watch from a Schamburg hotel.

Crane, 73, has been a congressman for 35 years and was first elected to Congress in a special election held on Nov. 25, 1969, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld, who was appointed to serve in the Nixon administration. Since that time, Crane has become well known as a leader in the conservative movement and is the most senior Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Congressman Crane is a member

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OR do I vote for someone with NO experience?

Someone who will not hold valuable committee positions as a freshman member of Congress? Someone who opposes cutting taxes? Someone who DOES NOT live in the district she claims to want to represent?

As of October 27, 2004 Melissa Bean does not reside in the 8th Congressional District of Illinois.

Melissa Bean also supports the unethical practice of allowing unregulated soft money campaign contributions to political parties or committees AND to allow ads paid for by soft money that support or attack a candidate for federal office.

This means liberal billionaires like George Soros would manipulate entire elections with unlimited funds for ultra-liberal groups such as MoveOn.org... and liberal politicians supporting them like Melissa Bean will owe these groups favors.

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FOR HIGHER TAXES



Melissa
Bean

Bean said that she would have voted against the Bush tax cuts. (Chicago Daily Herald) Standing against the tax cuts means Bean would:

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SPORTS

Devils top Waukegan in regional final

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

As the Warren boys soccer team huddled together at midfield with friends and family, the regional championship trophy hoisted high above their heads, Waukegan senior sweeper Arturo Hernandez stood alone off to the side, inconsolable.

Just minutes before, he and his teammates had made a final frenzied push at the Blue Devils' goal and came up just short, losing 1-0.

Some members of the Waukegan squad stood near each other, talking quietly and shaking their heads as they observed their opponent's celebration. Others sat on the bench, their jerseys pulled over their faces and their heads buried in their hands.

But Hernandez did not make contact with anyone until his head coach, Mike Berrie, walked over and gave him a hug. Only then was it evident how disheartened the starting defender really was.

The disappointment ran deep for Hernandez. In the 24th minute of the first half, he was standing in front of the Bulldogs' goal as Warren forward Scott Malagon set up the ball for a free kick near the left corner of the box.

As the shot left Malagon's foot and flew toward the goal, Hernandez instinctively stuck out his left cleat to block it. But the ball tipped off the side of Hernandez's foot and ricocheted past Waukegan goalie David Rodrigues and

into the back of the net.

As Malagon ran back up the field with his arms raised in the air, Hernandez dropped flat to his stomach in the goalie box and put his hands over his head in disbelief.

Rodrigues walked out of the goal and picked his rattled teammate up off the ground, then patted him on the back, encouraging him to keep playing.

"It was a hard fought game (and) a fortunate deflection on the goal," Warren coach Jim McNamara said. "It was a well-shot ball though. I thought it was a great high school game."

Both teams battled through the rest of the match but the own-goal proved to be all the Blue Devils (17-1-4) needed, advancing them to the semifinal of the Hersey sectional where they will face Buffalo Grove Oct. 30.

"It sucks to go out like that," Rodrigues said. "It's an ugly win for (Warren), but it's still a win. I still think we should have taken them."

Waukegan (13-7-3) definitely had their chances in the game, especially in the first half, controlling possession of the ball and making strong attacks on Warren's goal.

But while the Bulldogs used their speed and clever passing through much of the first half to threaten the Blue Devils net, in the second half Warren was able to utilize their strong defense to maintain the lead.

After the game, Berrie noted that his team would not have been in the regional championship without Hernandez, who scored the game-winning penalty kick in the Bulldogs' overtime semifinal victory against Libertyville

Oct. 26.

He added that the Bulldogs, who handed Warren their only defeat of the regular season on Sept. 16, began to force some shots after the Blue Devils got on the board.

"When it's an own-goal, you feel like you made the mistake so you push a little bit," he said.

And as Waukegan closed the book on the 2004 season, the Blue Devils enjoyed the moment while recognizing that another tough match-up is right around the corner.

"We've got a lot of work ahead of us," McNamara said. "So we'll just keep each game as it comes and hopefully we'll get a little bit of luck."



Photo by John Dickson

Victoriously the Warren Blue Devils boys soccer team holds up their plaque after they beat Waukegan High School to become the 2003 Regional Champions.

Poliquin, Devils spike Rams in regional semis

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Call Warren senior Marcia Poliquin a jack of all trades. Warren coach Julie Filippo has.

"She's a very good all-around player," Filippo said earlier this season. "I know I can trust her anywhere on the floor."

And Poliquin was running around like a girl possessed in the Devils' 25-10, 25-11 win over Grayslake in the opening round of the Antioch Regional.

"She was everywhere for us tonight," Filippo said of Poliquin, who had 10 assists, four aces, five digs, four kills and a block in the win.

Normally a setter, Poliquin still loves to play at the net, but she also knows that's not where she's needed most. "I love to hit the ball and Mallorie (Ceisel) puts the ball in all the right places for me, but this team needs me as

a setter; I need to hustle all the time," Poliquin said.

While Poliquin's sets, digs and even kills are important to Warren, her biggest contribution Wednesday was serving. Grayslake had managed to stay close in the first game, trailing just 10-8, until Poliquin earned a kill then proceeded to serve off six straight points, allowing Warren to pull away.

Despite her strong performance, Poliquin deflected praise to her teammates.

"We all just came together tonight," Poliquin said. "We've been having some tough practices to get ready for regionals and they've paid off."

And while Filippo lauded Poliquin's performance, she was also quick to point out the strong play of others.

"Alex (Leach) was definitely in the house for us," Filippo said of the senior middle hitter who tallied 10 blocks and four kills for the Devils. "And (Laura) Vielbig played an excellent game."

Ciesel (5 assists, 5 digs) and Ashley Fallos (6 blocks, 4 digs, 3 kills) also had solid matches for Warren (29-5).

All season long Filippo had been stressing that passing was the key to success, and that held true for the Devils against Grayslake.

"It really makes a difference," Filippo said. "We passed really well tonight."

As for Grayslake, which had played Warren extremely tough in last weekend's Crosstown Classic, the reasons for the loss were simple, according to head coach Jeanna Beerbower.

"We had a problem tonight serving and we never stayed deep enough on their hitters," Beerbower said. "We were able to take advantage when they were down last Friday, but we weren't able to do that tonight."

Jill Smart had three kills to lead Grayslake (7-25), while Ashleigh Swearingen and Janice Johnson each had two. Gabby Pate (4 digs) and Nicole Sarver (5 assists, 3 digs) also contributed for the Rams.

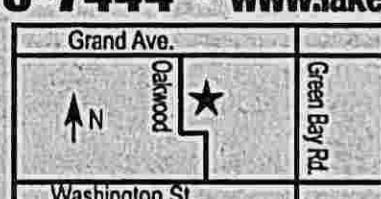
Antioch d. Zion-Benton, 25-13, 20-25, 25-16

After easily defeating Zion-Benton twice in a three-day span last week, Antioch ran into a bit of trouble against the Zee-Bees Wednesday night.

"We have those spots where we play phenomenally, and then we have those times where we can't seem to find the court," Antioch coach Bob Schenk. "That usually happens from match to match, but tonight all three games were different. Plus I have to hand it to Zion. They had nothing to lose and played hard."

Kate Hofeldt led Antioch with 14 kills, eight digs and a pair of blocks. Tracy Heitman (13 digs, 3 aces), Kristi Mihovilovich (7 kills), Jessica McWilliams (3 blocks), Ashley Wisler (16 assists, 4 aces) and Maggie Lonergan (14 assists) all had solid matches for Antioch (29-7).

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Election Cycle

It's been hard not to notice all the stories about how Ed Sullivan Jr is campaigning from his bicycle. Sullivan is apparently making light of his DUI conviction and the loss of his driver's license.

I am disappointed that Sullivan is now complaining about images of antique bicycles on the website of his opponent, Nancy Shepherdson. If Sullivan is that thin-skinned that he cannot smile at some good-natured ribbing, I don't see how he can function as an effective legislator. Or for that matter as an effective tax assessor.

Barny Baxter

Without Phil Crane, this money would have gone to other states.

Most importantly, Phil Crane cares about working people and the taxes they pay. Every time I fill out a tax return, I remember that my tax burden could actually be larger if it were not for the efforts of Phil Crane. Phil Crane has never voted for a tax increase, which is a claim no opponent to the Congressman would ever be able to make.

Some people talk about some obscure desire for change. Change what? Replace Phil Crane with a representative who would tax us more, yet return less to our district?

*Robert Cook
Wauconda*

Re-elect Crane

Congressman Crane has a history of looking out for the residents of his district. Every year, the residents of our area pay a substantial tax to Washington, D.C., and face the prospects of seeing very little of the tax money back on our district.

Phil Crane has been tireless in fighting to stop the government raid on our pocketbooks, and for the taxes we must pay, Phil Crane has ensured that more of our tax money comes back to our district.

Most citizens remember the work Phil Crane accomplished to obtain wetlands restoration grants for Lake County. Given the flooding issues facing Lake County, Phil Crane has continued to work toward improvements that will reduce the impact of development. He has obtained new grants that will begin the process of restoring the environmental integrity of the Des Plaines River watershed and the subwatersheds of its tributaries.

Phil Crane is also working to ease traffic congestion. I was delighted to read that Phil Crane will successfully obtain \$52 million over six years to improve Metra train mass transit.

History lessons

Three important points to carefully consider before voting on Tuesday, Nov. 2:

1. President George "Dubya" Bush has labeled his Democratic opponent, Senator John Kerry, with the scarlet letter "L-Word/ "LIBERAL." I prefer that characterization to another "L-Word" some Americans use to describe the distorted rhetoric of George Bush, his vocal spin doctors and Republican National Committee campaign ads. Republicans have attempted to unfairly smear John Kerry and hide their reckless, pro corporate administration's dismal record of the past four years. A suggested 2004 Bush-Cheney-Halliburton campaign slogan "It's not a LIE, if you believe it!"

2. Interesting history lesson: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." Source: www.costofwar.com/April 16, 1953 quote>Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1952-1960) Five Star General and World War II hero who oversaw the Allied

Forces in Europe and led the famous D-Day Invasion of France in 1944.

3. Intriguing history lesson: When Democratic President John F. Kennedy, another famous, alleged, Massachusetts "Liberal," was tragically assassinated in Texas on Nov. 22, 1963, he had a prepared speech in his pocket that was to have been delivered that afternoon at the Dallas Trademark Luncheon: "We, in this country, in this generation, are by destiny, rather than choice, the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility—that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint and that we may achieve in our time and for all time, the ancient vision of peace on earth—good will toward men."

We must elect Democrats John F. Kerry and John Edwards because they truly reflect this philosophy. "Compassionate Neoconservative." Republicans George W. Bush and Dick Cheney sadly do not.

*James P. Kornaus
Round Lake Beach*

Ms. Bean has been a Barrington resident of the 8th District for years, up until recently when the Republican Party gerrymandered her property out of the district by a measly 1,400 feet to reduce her chances of beating Crane.

*Dennis Jahnke
Island Lake*

A plea for Bush

Please don't just hand Illinois to Kerry. Please don't vote blindly for Kerry because he's a Democrat. We in the greater Chicago area deserve better. John Kerry blows with the wind. Chicagoans are grounded. Kerry has no core beliefs. Chicagoans know where they stand. Kerry will say anything to get elected. Chicagoans stand by their word.

Please don't vote for Kerry because you think he is the lesser of two evils. Because there is an evil out there that fed off America's weaknesses during the prior administration. From those who committed corporate scandals to those who commit acts of terror, George Bush has faced them head on. He has taken it to them in their own backyard. By going into Iraq, President Bush has created a battlefield in the war on terror where no one existed. Afghanistan was where the leadership was. But the Middle East is where the terrorist soldiers reside. Now the terrorists are flocking to Iraq to fight our trained soldiers, who signed up to fight our enemies, instead coming here and killing innocent Americans. And when we created that battlefield, we took out a brutal dictator who murdered thousands sometimes with biological weapons, attacked his neighbors, and funded terrorists. Not to mention was profiting from the corrupt UN oil for food program, with the likes of France and Russia. Why does Kerry find France so important anyway? Their Generals surrendered when they here fireworks. John Kerry shows no resolve, especially if it's not popular politically.

Phil Crane's voting record clearly shows his "NO" votes to extending the "Superfund," the very piece of legislation that could have prevented the problem Wauconda is now experiencing. Crane's record at the League of Conservation Voters website is further testimony of his horrendous environmental record across this entire country. See: www.lev.org for Crane's environmental record.

Melissa Bean is a common-sense, moderate candidate who understands the need to balance business needs with the environment. She is a sharp consensus builder, and will work tirelessly for us and our families.

Her eagerness to reduce the current deficit while providing tax relief is another reason to vote for Ms. bean. As a business woman, Bean has the analytical background to understand fiscal responsibility and management.

Please don't follow the intellectually lazy "anybody but Bush" crowd. When it comes to the big picture, innocent American lives cannot risk having a president who cannot show his resolve to the enemy. If Kerry had his way in the 80s we still would be dealing with the Soviet nuclear threat. If Kerry had his way in the 90s we'd have very weak intelligence and

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lack many of the weapons that have won numerous battles against terror today. And Saddam would still be in Kuwait maybe even Saudi Arabia and have enough nuclear and biological weapons to threaten the world. Now, all of a sudden he's resolute against the enemy.

Americans cannot afford a Kerry presidency. Where's his experience? Has he ever run anything? Did he ever run a business or a state? The only thing Kerry has run is from taking a position. America needs a leader. John Kerry is not a leader. George Bush is a proven leader.

Joe Popp
Ingleside

A vote for Keyes

It is evident that the media has ordained Obama as the next senator from Illinois. For those of you casting your vote for George W., my question to you is this. Why would you consider sending a LIBERAL to Washington who would undoubtedly vote against every issue supported by our president? Why would you vote for Obama if you disagree with the votes made by Democrat Senator Dick Durbin? You are guaranteed more of the same.

Do you feel that with two tax and spend senators from the state of Illinois you will be adequately represented?

If your answer is a resounding no then Ambassador Alan Keyes deserves your vote.

Dorothy Connors
Libertyville

Rep. Crane courageous

I noticed last week the great number of editorials expressing dissatisfaction with Rep. Phil Crane. I feel someone needs to set the

record straight on his outstanding service to his constituents. We owe our clean air in Lake County (some of the cleanest in Illinois) to Mr. Crane. His leadership in adhering to tough pollution standards and promotion of innovative mass transportation have us breathing easy. In the 70s, he was able to foresee with crystal ball like accuracy the congestion bearing down on Lake County roads, and authored a bill providing funds for the widening of routes 120, 176, and other east-west roads heading off certain gridlock, long before suburban sprawl would make such improvements impossible.

A poster child for moderate Republican views, Crane has refused the temptation to live in Washington D.C. year round, but lives here in Lake County with his beloved constituents as much as possible in order to represent the voters of his district.

His support of education is beyond question. Before local schools were choked by regulation from Washington and overwhelmed by rapid growth, it was Crane who convinced Gov. Ryan to overhaul our state income tax, abandoning the flat tax for a more equitable graduated tax system where the fortunate top income earners would pay their fair share. And let's not forget when Dan Quail stepped down as vice president, (tragically caught in the headlights of semi-tractor-trailer), it was Phil Crane who was asked by President George Herbert Walker Bush to PHIL Quail's shoes. He turned down that great opportunity. His allegiance to his constituents here in Lake County and his conscience demanded that he remain here with us, to endure and conquer the challenges that lie before us all. I for one am not ashamed to say God bless Rep. Phil Crane.

Scott Frillman
Antioch

Fellow-Americans

Underneath all the "big talk" he shouts

Kerry would REALLY rather view terrorists as "just a nuisance." (His comment not long ago.)

THAT attitude by the world allowed them to build their capabilities to 9-11 and the destruction they've continued since.

DEEP DOWN Kerry's just not really the leader to stop crazy fanatics whose goal is to destroy America whatever the cost.

The counter-terrorist infrastructure now put in place should be strongly maintained and further strengthened, not weakened by the disruption and disorganization of an administration change.

Not for the alternative of "loose canon" Kerry, (so described by a general who commanded him in Vietnam.)

Keep our government together, intact, united.

Keep the faith.

Carol W. Mellon
Wildwood

Crane best for taxpayer

Phil Crane has done a great job as our Congressman and deserves to be re-elected.

Over the years, a lot of people with a lot of talk have promised to do a better job than Phil Crane. They are long on talk and short on results. Mr. Crane's opponent has also made a series of promises that show nothing more than pure audacity.

Mr. Crane's opponent actually claimed that she would do better for the taxpayer than Congressman Crane. Then, she said she would support John Kerry's plans to roll back President Bush's tax cuts, which will cause an increase in taxes. The audacity does not surprise me - Mr. Crane's opponent is running for Congress without living in the Congressional district.

Phil Crane has a record of voting in the best interest of the taxpayer. When Phil Crane talks about holding the line on taxes, it is not just meaningless blather. He backs up his statements with a great voting record. Phil Crane has never supported a tax increase.

While Phil Crane consistently votes to hold the line on taxes, he also works hard to ensure that we get money back in our Congressional district. This term alone, Phil Crane got \$300 billion in federal funding for various projects around our Congressional District. Since any replacement for Phil Crane would not have his seniority or his Vice Chairmanship on the

Ways and Means Committee, that person would more likely return less money to the district.

We have a man of principle representing us in Congress. Why would we replace Phil Crane with an unknown entity, who does not live in our district, and has the same principles, or lack of principles, depending on the polls, as John Kerry?

John Amrich
Wauconda

Need action, not talk

I recently attended a League of Women Voters candidate forum featuring State Representative Kathy Ryg and her opponent Paul Tully. While her opponent is articulate and seemingly up to date on the issues, he pressed the audience to get specifics, to call for action and to ignore endorsements. At the same time, he offered nothing more than to say he has a plan. I was there to hear specific ideas about how he would address the issues facing our area but he offered no explanation of what his "plan" might be.

Ms. Ryg, on the other hand, offered specific actions she has taken in the areas of increased education funding, solutions to transportation gridlock, affordable housing issues and medical malpractice. She cited her record of working both in the district and in Springfield. Her long list of endorsements from a wide cross-section of good government groups impressed me as well.

I left the forum hoping others shared my confidence in Ms. Ryg as the stronger candidate for State Representative. I agree that we need action "not talk" - and that's why I'll be voting for Kathy Ryg. She has proven that she gets things done.

Lillian Gustafson
Lincolnshire

Taxpayers friend

The reason to vote for Phil Crane is simple. Phil Crane has never voted for a tax increase.

Could we expect the same out of his opponent? Why should we trade the good thing we know for an unknown quantity? It could cost you higher taxes.

Glenn L. Swanson
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Knows history

George Bush should be reelected President because he has learned the lessons of history.

The free world has a history of ignoring dangers to its existence. During the early 1930s, Adolf Hitler was able to rebuild a war machine of unbelievable destructive power, in violation of treaty obligations. This war machine was constructed by a nation devastated by World War One. No person believed that Germany of the early 1930s could be a threat to any nation. Yet the passage of time, and the negligence of the free world, allowed Nazi Germany to become a major military power.

America has ignored the threat of terrorism since 1971. Muslim extremists have hijacked airplanes, blown up buildings, and murdered countless innocent civilians. Americans have had a false sense of security because of the barrier provided by our two oceans. Even the first World Trade Center bombing during the Clinton administration in 1993 failed to wake our sleeping nation. Building upon the first World Trade Center bombing, and other Clinton era strikes against America, such as the U.S.S. Cole and two U.S. embassies in Africa, the terrorists executed a massive devastating attack against the World Trade Center in 2001.

Saddam Hussein also presented a threat. The Iraqi military under Saddam Hussein was the only military in the post World War II era to deploy chemical agents against people. Hussein also acted on expansionist impulses and invaded Iran and Kuwait. Hussein was a brutal dictator that murdered almost a million civilian people, including his own. When Iraq began violating U.N. resolutions, and threw weapons inspectors out of Iraq in 1998, we could not afford to wait upon the dictator's next move. America needed to act.

The assessment regarding the danger presented by Hussein was bipartisan. President Clinton bombed Iraq during his administration out of his concern over the mounting threat, and Senator John Kerry called for Hussein's removal – regardless of whether Hussein currently possessed weapons of mass destruction.

For some reason, John Kerry has wavered on his support for President Bush's strong actions against the Iraqi dictator. Whether the changes have been due to his desire to pander to voters, or simply due to an inability to withstand minor setbacks, John Kerry's lack of resolve is frightening.

We have never won a war through weakness. President Bush has demonstrated strength during trying times, and deserves our support.

Peter S. Karlovics
Gurnee

The time to act is NOW

Ongoing world wide events continue to dominate the news and are fueling new voter registration. While the outcome of state and federal elections will certainly have an impact on these worldwide events, in the Big Hollow School District there is an issue on the ballot that will have an immediate and much more direct impact on our lives – the choice to build more schools.

Buildings in the district are already at capacity. Housing demand continues at unprecedented levels and the Big Hollow District is in the heart of one of the last undeveloped areas in Lake County. Conservative estimates put the number of new students in the district over the next few years at 500. This demand will push the limits of the current buildings well above and beyond what they were designed for.

It will take two years to build new buildings to meet the districts needs. This referendum is overdue for passage. It failed in the last election by the narrowest of margins and this failure has already pushed back construction. The time to act to preserve one of the most important assets to our community is now. Vote yes on the Big Hollow Building Referendum and start building our future now.

John R. Gukknecht
Round Lake

Campaign 2004

Congressman Phil Crane says he is conscientiously seeking to represent the people in this district—After 18 terms he is still seeking? How long does it take to learn?

Frank Mason
Round Lake Beach

No cause for tax increase

I will be voting NO for both Grayslake District 46 school referendum questions, even though I have two children attending the district's schools.

Haven't many residents already questioned our already HIGH tax bills?

Haven't many questioned our current school administration's ability to forecast revenues and expenditures accurately? On a forecast document dated April 2004 it was projected by District 46 that a (\$60,000) deficit would be the Education Fund balance for June 30, 2004. On June 30, 2004, just weeks later, the balance was actually over a \$2.5 million surplus. I have been informed by other districts that forecasts are generally off by plus or minus \$200,000, not by \$2.5 million.

This was good news for the parents and taxpayers of District 46, but terrible news for those hoping to pass a referendum again. The district has tried to explain their way out of this predicament but the fact remains: poor forecasting is the root of the problem, not the lack of funding. To confirm that theory look at the forecasted balance of ALL funds for June 30, 2004. The projected \$7.7 million balance for District 46 in all funds combined ended up at \$14 million instead (Sept. 20, 2004 District 46 Budget.) Once again, good news for parents and taxpayers of District 46.

After one year of my sons' not receiving the education that was affordable, how can I trust that the huge tax referendum that is being requested is necessary? After looking at the currently approved budget, I cannot find cause for this large tax increase.

Education in the classroom must be the focal point of all our plans and funding. We MUST stop cutting programs that impact our valued teachers and students; cutting must be done in other areas. Some of our teachers have been spending their own money on classroom projects, and yet last year the classroom supply budget ended up with a plus \$140,000 balance out of \$200,000 budgeted. Why didn't the administration inform the teachers of this money, so it could be spent on classroom projects?

Why is our administration not utilizing documents provided them, which give countless examples of how other districts have cut costs? There are examples of small and large savings in those documents. I would like to see serious evidence of cost cutting strategies in place, strategies which won't negatively impact our students, before I am willing to consider any referendum.

Jill Rohrer
Third Lake

Crane comfortable with beliefs

Why is Phil Crane's opponent afraid to admit that she is a liberal Democrat? It is a sad state of affairs that a candidate for Congress is so fearful of her own beliefs, that she attempts to distance herself from them.

Phil Crane is a man comfortable with his own beliefs. Simply put, Phil Crane is a voice against tax increases, against the extremes of partial birth abortion and public funding of abortions, and supports President Bush's policies of strength against the war on terrorism.

In Phil Crane's opponent, we find a candidate for Congress who copies the John Kerry approach to politics - take both sides on every issue and hope nobody catches you. Unfortunately, Phil Crane's opponent has been caught. She has tried to claim that she is for tax relief, then stated that she supports John Kerry's plan to repeal President Bush's tax cut.

Now is not a time for flip flops. We need the solid principled leadership provided by Phil Crane.

Lorrie Godawa
Wauconda

Our best bet: well positioned and qualified

After her first term, it is obvious that Kathy Ryg came to Springfield uncommonly qualified to represent us during our state's difficult fiscal times. Whether it was her previous experience as a Vernon Hills or countywide official, classical training by earning a Master's Degree in Public Administration or her natural ability to get along with others and earn their trust, we sent the right person to Springfield. In addition to her wealth of experience, Kathy is always accessible and has always made me and others feel that our ideas and concerns truly matter.

Stan Aron
Buffalo Grove

Say yes to the kids

You may be angry that our taxes are so high and that the schools want more money. You may be angry with some of our legislators or our school board or our administrators. But, are you angry with our children? Could you walk into the music room, all full of life with bright eyed, shiny faced kids and tell them there will be no more music? Could you walk into the art room when the students are completely absorbed in their art studies and tell them there will be no more art? That is what you did last year. You worry that kids these days are one dimensional and need more exercise. Then you take away gym. Please don't take your anger out on our children. Allow them the same education your parents and grandparents afforded you. Vote yes for the CCSD 46 tax referendum.

Bill Soucie
Grayslake

Delivers results

I have been paying attention to the race for U.S. Congress in the 8th Congressional District.

Based upon Phil Crane's record of supporting President Bush's policies to combat and destroy terrorism, and his support for President Bush's tax cuts, I have decided to support Phil Crane's reelection.

A lot of candidates for office routinely promise us the world. Few are like Phil Crane – who does what he says he is going to do.

Phil Crane's opponent has made a lot of promises—I cannot vote for promises, when Phil Crane delivers results. Holding the line on taxes and supporting strong measures against terrorists is what Phil Crane has delivered.

Performance makes the difference. Phil Crane has delivered on his commitments to this district and deserves reelection.

Edwin Paff
Gurnee

A positive note

There has been a lot of negative press regarding Representative Phil Crane. May I submit a positive note.

I contacted Representative Crane about a problem regarding my son's request for disability in early spring. After dragging on for over two years and being stonewalled at every turn I turned to him in desperation. Within one week of our initial request Representative Crane contacted the proper agency and my son had a hearing date. Representative Crane has been in contact with us on several occasions and the concern shown was above and beyond what we expected.

My son's case has been resolved and I want to thank Representative Crane for his help.

Perhaps the people who are so negative have never had the opportunity to request his help. If you don't ask you don't get results.

Dorothy Furman
Antioch

Right choice

In today's not so honest world, voters have to ask themselves what qualities they are looking for in their elected officials. Hopefully the vast majority would say that honesty, commitment, and attention to their constituents are very important. As an elected municipal official, I have worked with Kathy Ryg as a member of the Vernon Hills board and currently on municipal issues that need State Representative Ryg's assistance. Her commitment to her work is second to none, and the fact that she has committed all of her time to being a State Representative and not sharing her time in another career is an extreme benefit to all of the residents that live in her district. If you have had the opportunity to talk to her then you know that she really does listen to issues and will ask as many questions as is needed in order for her to get a handle on the issue. Kathy has shown all of the qualities we need in our elected officials not because she

has to, but because that is who she is. Kathy Ryg has earned our support and I urge you to vote for her on Nov. 2.

Rick Duros
Village Trustee
Vernon Hills

Willing to take on challenges

We have only one candidate for State Representative in the 51st District who is willing and able to take on the challenges facing her and her neighbors and to make sure their voices are heard in Springfield. It is Nancy Shepherdson.

Shepherdson will be one of the best-educated Representatives in the State House. She graduated from U of I with a degree in Finance. She earned two Masters Degrees – an MA in Economics from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Business – both of which provide outstanding background to meet the complex challenges of our District and our State.

Shepherdson is a business owner, educator and trained economist. More importantly, she is a taxpayer and ordinary citizen. And here's something novel. She believes the District deserves full-time representation!

Daily, since last April, Shepherdson has walked the precincts and knocked on nearly every door in the District. That same incredible fortitude and work ethic will be focused full-time on behalf of her constituents. Shepherdson will face issues and solve problems, large and small, and give the job her full-time focus and attention. Unlike her opponent, being our State Representative will be Shepherdson's one and only full-time job.

In the 51st, the issues are complex: rising property taxes, quality education, attractive business climate, affordable health care and traffic congestion and the environment. Complex challenges demand an outstanding background and focused attention. Nancy Shepherdson has demonstrated the will power and work ethic to focus her formidable background full-time on providing her constituents and our State with A+ quality representation.

In the 51st District, there is only one candidate willing and able to put in what it takes – full-time – to truly make sure the voices of her constituents are heard in Springfield. Nancy Shepherdson is that candidate.

H. V. Larkin
Mundelein

Listens to people

In my years of writing letters to our current state representative, I have only received one response—and that was during this last primary season, when someone was running against him. What kind of representative doesn't even acknowledge letters from constituents?

We have the opportunity in the 62nd District to send someone to Springfield who has already shown she wants to listen to people—in fact, Sharyn Elman is walking door to door, talking with people, six to eight hours a day, six days a week. That's the kind of representative we deserve.

Sharyn Elman is endorsed by the Sierra Club, and as someone who cares about the environment, that's important to me. It's also important that we have someone in Springfield who will listen to us. Sharyn Elman will.

Jill Koch
Grayslake

There is a choice

The Illinois Constitution states that "the public policy of the State and the duty of each person is to provide and maintain a healthful environment for the benefit of this and future generations."

Unfortunately, the 2003 and 2004 Environmental Scorecards prepared by the Illinois Environmental Council show that Bob Churchill is either not aware of or does not care about discharging his duty to preserve and protect the environment of Illinois.

In 2003, Bob Churchill's environmental voting score was an abysmal 30 percent and only 25 percent in 2004. He has voted against bans on mercury thermometers, energy efficient public buildings, and against allowing our communities to have input on the siting of toxic waste processing facilities.

Fortunately, we have a choice in this election.

Sharyn Elman has the endorsement of the Sierra Club and will discharge her duty under the Illinois State Constitution to provide and maintain a healthful environment.

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Sharyn is energetic and hard working. She has been going door to door six hours a day for the past several months to talk directly with residents of District 62. She has been endorsed by the Chicago Tribune.

*Christine H Pado
Grayslake*

Successful fund-raiser

Literacy Volunteers of Lake County wishes to thank the many contributors and participants during its fundraiser, Walk for Literacy on October 2. Over \$10,000 was raised. Literacy Volunteers of Lake County partners with the College of Lake County and the Waukegan Public Library to provide adult literacy services throughout Lake County.

Special recognition must go to students from Zion-Benton High School. They have been dedicated contributors for each of our fundraisers over the past eight years. Joining them this year were students from Grayslake Community High School and Carmel High School.

Support was also received by the following Friends of Literacy who provided the necessary funds, food, prizes and sponsorship for this successful event. We gratefully acknowledge their help and support.

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*Teta Minuzzo
Literacy Volunteers of Lake County
Lake Bluff*

The School District Who Cried Wolf

To all of the school referendum supporters in Community Consolidated School District 46:

For the third year in a row, you are once again fooled into believing that passing a referendum is a good sound financial decision that will benefit our children and fix our so-called "poor" school district.

The problem with that rationale herein lies: District 46 is not "poor" financially - it is plainly under "poor management".

To recap the events of the last few years: Revenues have been, and still are seriously underestimated; the situation is made to look hopeless, the school district administration cries wolf and tells us our only hope is to pass a referendum - only to find out that there is plenty of money available at the end of the year and that it was completely unnecessary for the children to miss out on many educational opportunities.

Liar may figure but figures never lie. Most of us were fooled into believing that on June 30, 2004 the Education Fund would be completely "broke" only to find out that it ended having a surplus of over \$2.5 million. Even more astounding, the projected June 30 fund balance in all D46 school funds, which was forecasted to be \$8.6 million, ended up at \$14.9 million.

Good news for parents and taxpayers of D46 but terrible news for those hoping to pass a referendum.

Even more incredible is the fact that the \$2.5 million balance in the Education Fund on

June 30 could easily have been \$3.5 million. If you visit the Lake County Clerk's office in Waukegan, it's on record that the D46 Administration chose to take a \$1 million bite out of the Education Fund last year from property tax revenue and spread it to the other funds instead where it currently sits. This is an apparent effort to punish us for not passing previous referendums.

The school board recently sent out a flyer supporting the referendum stating that "explosive residential growth" combined with a "deteriorating ed fund tax rate" is responsible for District 46's "financial problems".

This could not be further from the truth. Even before enrollment dropped by more than 100 students this year, prior growth in enrollment was neither "explosive" or as rapid as they want you to believe. W6 is NOT a "fast growing" school district according to the State of Illinois and DID NOT QUALIFY for any of the newly created \$10 million in State grant money available to Fast Growth Districts.

The Illinois property tax cap was instituted for a reason which ALL school districts have to face with good sound financial management.

To reward the current administration with a YES vote on the referendum only encourages irresponsible behavior and will instantly make Grayslake the highest taxed school district in Illinois, negatively impacting future property values.

In regards to the Building Bond Referendum:

As stated previously and cannot be disputed, District 46 is already at its maximum debt capacity as imposed by the State of Illinois. The building bond referendum question on the ballot is worded such that the district is actually asking YOU THE PEOPLE to override the debt limitation. If the people so approve, three more criteria must be met, one in particular being an INCREASE in enrollment by not less than 200 students (105 ILCS 5/19-1). With enrollment DECREASING this year and class sizes down, this referendum is actually invalid.

I am in favor of a financially responsible Building Bond Referendum when we actually need one. What's appalling is the fact that District 46 is seeking \$34 million in building bonds, even though that same size of school can be built for \$20 million. We cause our own "financial problems." Then again, is there really a "financial problem" in District 46?

A positive, fiscally responsible, new administration is right around the corner.

*Janet McGill
Grayslake*

District 56 lacks fiscal responsibility

We all must recognize our obligations of responsibility, and must pass on that recognition to our children. We must act responsibly and must expect those we trust to act responsibly. If we do not do this, we are irresponsible. We cannot condone irresponsible behavior. We must show our children that irresponsible behavior is unacceptable. Approving a referendum to increase property taxes for District 56 may be irresponsible, and may send an inappropriate message to our children. Thus, we should not vote for the District 56 referendum.

Currently, the money District 56 receives from our property taxes increases every year. Each of us knows that our tax bills increase yearly. A portion of that increase goes to District 56. It is unclear how District 56 needs more money while we pay more and more money each year. It is possible that District 56 is not as responsible with our money as it could be. Remember how much money was spent for the wind tunnel at the new school? Remember how much money was spent on the new administration building? Remember how the cost of the referendum was misrepresented and inaccurate?

Spending by District 56 may be irresponsible. As we all know, "throwing money" at a problem will not solve the problem. Increasing funding of District 56 may be condoning irresponsible behavior. We should vote against the District 56 referendum. Voting against the District 56 referendum may be the only responsible act especially in these current economic times.

*Mark C. Bach
Gurnee*

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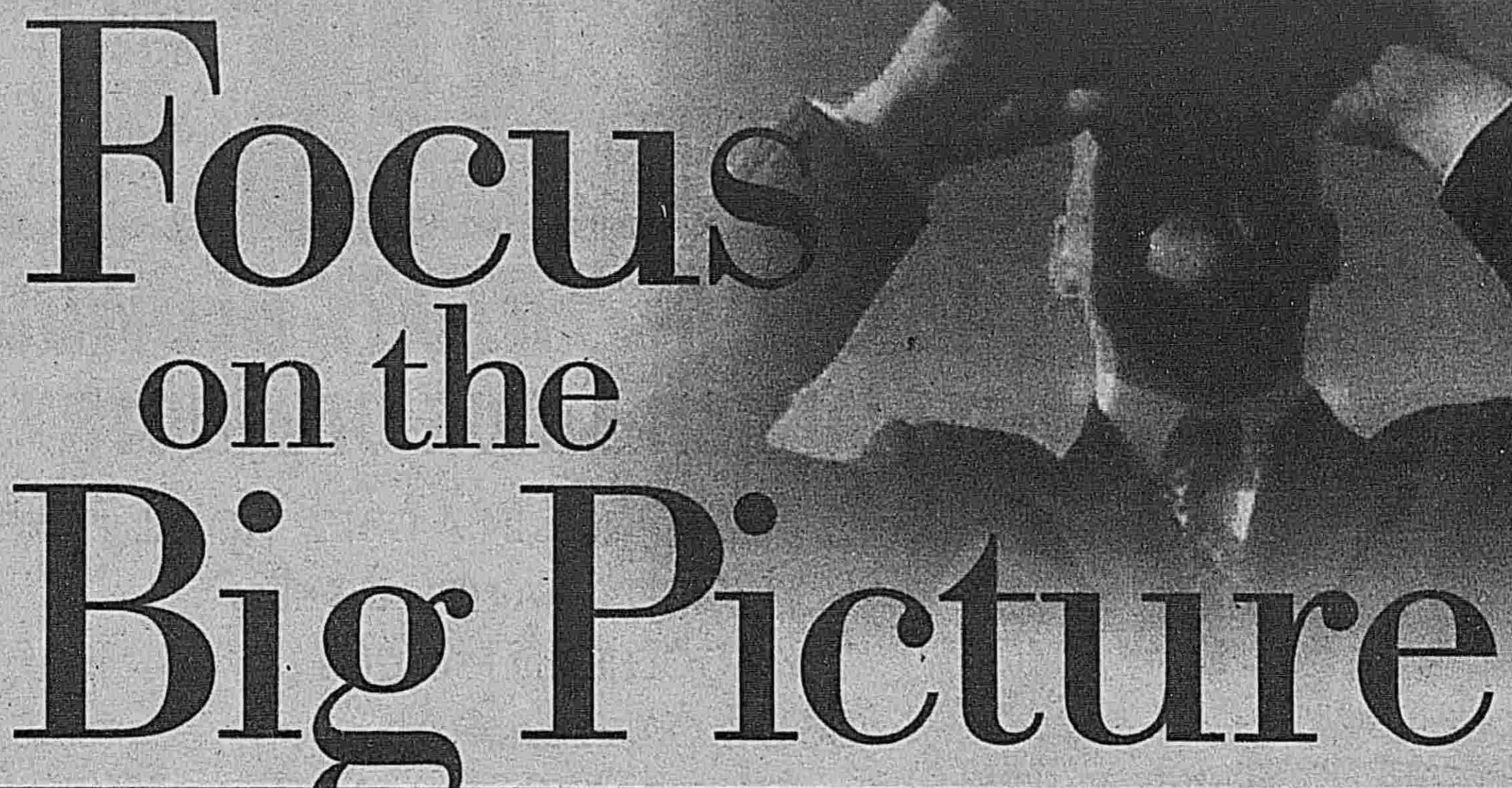
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